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Celia (Wright) Wright was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

On November 13, 1816, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 7/546 Thomas Wright purchased 330 acres of land from Joseph and Mary Payne:

> "This Indenture made this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixteen Between Joseph Payne & Mary his wife of the County of Franklin state of Virginia of the one part, and Thomas Wright of the County State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five pounds lawful money of Virginia to him paid by the said Thomas Wright his receipt whereof he hereby acknowledgth, the said Joseph Payne and Mary his wife hath granted, bargained and Sold, and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Wright and his heirs forever one certain tract or parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the County aforesaid on the South side of Linvill mountain containing three hundred and thirty acres be the same more or less, Begining at a Hicory in the said Wrights line, thence with it No. 13 W 28 poles to a B.O. No. 45 E 96 poles to a Chesnut, South 69 E 22 poles to a black oak, So 52 E 18 poles to a chesnut tree in Thos. Paynes line, thence with it as it to a W.O. & Hickory, No. 47 W 20 poles to a Gum, So 86 W 86 poles to a sp. O. So 31 W 60 poles to a C.T. S 66 W 24 poles to a C.O. No 65 W 78 poles to a C.O. So 28 poles to a C.T. So 78 West 104 poles to a C.O. So 65 W. 20 poles to a C.T. So 18 W 78 poles to a C.T. So. 60 E 109 poles to a C.O. So 81 E 210 poles to the Beginning. To have and to hold the said Bargained Land and premisses unto him the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Joseph Payne his heirs assigns doth warrant and forever defend a good and lawful right and title infee simple against him the said Joseph Payne his heirs or any other person whomsoever of having any just claim to the said Land and Premisses. In Witness whereof they the said Joseph Payne and Mary his wife have hereunto set there hands and Seals the day and year above written.
>
> Joseph Payne
> Mary Payne
>
> At a Court held for Franklin County December 2d 1816.
>
> This Indenture of Bargain and sale between Joseph Payne and Mary his wife of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said Joseph Payne and Mary his wife, the said Mary being first privily examined

according to Law, voluntarily relinquishes her right of Dower in and to the Land and Premisses conveyed by this Indenture and the same was ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Caleb Tate C.F.C"

The purchaser of this land is identified as Thomas Anthony Wright through the later sale of the same land by Franklin County Deed 14/7 in 1833.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property on April 7:

Date of Receiving lists from individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
Apl 7	Thomas Wright Jr	

No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of head of Horses	Stud Horses No of	Stud Horses Rate per Season	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Exceeding in Vallue $100
2	1		-	-	-

Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Exceeding in Vallue $200	Coaches & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Coaches & Harness Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	-	

This reference to Thomas Wright, Jr., was used to distinguish this Thomas Wright from his father 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County discussed below. This record indicates that Thomas Anthony Wright was born before April 7, 1801.

On June 20, 1817, at Franklin County, Virginia, Court Order Book 6/402 Thomas Wright, Jr., was made a lieutenant in the consolidated company of militia of the United States.

The marriage bond of Thomas Anthony Wright and Celia Wright was dated on November 18, 1817, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony Wright as surety:

"Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Wright & Anthony Wright are held & firmly bound unto James P Preston Esq. governor or chief majistrate of then commonWealth in the Sum of $150 current money - for the true paymt of which to the said Governor or his Successors we bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our heirs Exors &c sealed & Dated this 8th day of Nov 1817

The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound Thomas Wright & Celia Wright - Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the same then the above obligation to be void Else remain in full force & Virtue

Teste Thomas Wright
Anthony Wright"

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright Jr with the following property on April 22:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
April 22	Thos Wright Jr	1

No Slaves over 16 yrs old	No Slaves over 12 & under 16 yrs old	Studs No of	Studs Rate per Season	2 wheel riding Carages Not exceeding in Vallu $100	2 wheel riding Carages Exceeding in Vallu $100
-	-	1	-	-	-

Phaetons & Phaetons & Stage Waggons not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Exceeding in Vallu $200	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	.18	

The 1818 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright Jr	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
20N	.21	104.15	.79	

This record reflects the purchase of 330 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 7/546. This land was incorrectly taxed to 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County in 1817, but this record corrected that listing to show it taxed to Thomas Anthony Wright.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property on March 16:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
Mar 16	Thomas Wright Jr	1	1

No of Slaves above 12 & under 16 years of age	No of Horses	Stude Horses: No of Studes	Stude Horses: Rate per Season	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Not exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Exceeding in Vallue $100
-	1	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Exceeding in Vallue $200	Clocks: Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Clocks: Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	.88	

The 1819 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright Jr	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance& Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
20N	.21	104.15		

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
	Thomas Wright Jr	1	-

No of Slaves above 12 & under 16 years of age	No of Horses	Stude Horses: No of Studes	Stude Horses: Rate per Season	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Not exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Exceeding in Vallue $100
-	1	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Exceeding in Vallue $200	Clocks: Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Clocks: Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	.18	

The 1820 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jur. with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jur.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the on account of the Below	Total Vallue	Amount of Tax upon Land	Remarks
20 Miles N	1.00		330.00	.42	

The 1820 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed two Thomas Wrights, one of whom was Thomas Wright Sr. and the other of whom had the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Thomas Wright	1	16-26	1	16-26
	1	0-10		

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	1		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	0-14						

All Other Persons

This record indicates that Thomas Anthony Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright were born between 1794 and 1804.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright J with the following property on April 2:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 2	Thomas Wright J	-	2

Stude Horses No.	Dollars Cts	two wheeled riding and Harness Not exceeding In Dollar $100	above the Vallue of $100	Phaetons & Stage Wagons & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	above the Vallue of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrages& Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	

The 1821 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Numr of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linvill Mount

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amount of Tax at the Rate of	Explanation during the Preceding Year
20 Miles N	1.00		330.00	.30	

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property on March 4:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
March 4	Thomas Wright Jr	-	1

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harndss		Phaetons & Stage wagons & harness	
No.	Dollars Cts	Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value$200	above the Value of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carriage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Value $300	above the Value of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	.13½

The 1822 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including the Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of the Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amt of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 Miles N	1.00		330.00	.30	

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property on March 20:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 20	Thomas Wright Jr	1	3

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harness		Phaetons & Stage waggons & Harness	
		Not exceeding in	Exceeding in Vallue	Not exceeding in	exceeding in Vallue
No.	D C	Vallue $100	$100	Vallue $200	$200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	.83

The 1823 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate whether held for life or in fee	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Buildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Buildings	Amount of tax on the value of	Explana tion of alterations t during the preceding Year
20 Miles N	1.00	400.00	330.00	.27	17

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright J. with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	Thomas Wright J.	2	3

No. of Studs	Dollars	2 Wheel Riding Carrages	4 wheel Riding and Harness	Amount of Tax
-	-	-	-	1.30

The 1824 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explana tion of alterations during the Preceding Year
14 Miles NW	1.00	400.00	330.00	.27	

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jnr with the following property on February 7:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With the Tax	Blacks over 12	Horses mares Colts & Mules
Feb 7	Thomas Wright Jnr	-	1

Amount of Tax	Carriages & Stallions	Remarks
.12		

The 1825 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Linville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
14 Miles NW	1.00	400.00	330.00	.27	

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed only a Thomas Wright, Sr., and did not list a Thomas Anthony Wright or Thomas Wright, Jr.

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Horses &c	Giggs No $	Carryalls No $	Amount of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1			1			.12

The 1826 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	in fee	330	Lynville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax	

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Horses &c	Carryalls & Value No $	Amount of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright		1			1	.12

The 1827 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jun with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jun	Franklin	in fee	330	Linvill

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax	
20 N	1.00		330.00	.27	

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Tithes	S Over 16	S Over 12	Horses &c	Amot. of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1			1	.12

The 1828 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jun with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Jun	Franklin	in fee	330	Linvill Creek

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 N	1.00		330.00	.27	

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Tithes	S Over 16	S Over 12	Horses &c	Carryalls	Amot. of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1			1		.10

The 1829 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether Fee for life &c	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Jr	Franklin	Fee	330	Linville C

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Pr Acre including Buildings &c	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Improvements &c	Total Value of Land& Improvements	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 N	1.00		330.00	.27	

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Tithe-ables	S Over 16	S Over 12	Horses &c	Amot. of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1	1		2	.51

The 1830 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	Fee	330	Lynville C

Distance from C House	Bearing from C House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	N	1.00	400.00	330.00

Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding Year
.27	

The 1830 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed only a Thomas Wright, Sr., and did not list a Thomas Anthony Wright or Thomas Wright, Jr.

The 1830 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Thomas Wright	1	20-30	1	20-30
	1	5-10		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
3					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Thomas Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright were born between 1800 and 1810.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	No Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Stud Horses No $	Coaches
Thomas Wright	1	1		2	

Giggs	Carry-alls	Tax $ Cts
		.37

The 1831 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Franklin	Fee	330	Lynville C

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvement	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	N	1.00	400.00	330.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year
.27	

On September 2, 1831, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 13/274 Thomas Wright, Jr., executed a deed of trust as to his 330 acres in Franklin County to secure a debt due to Richard Bandy:

> "This Indenture made this the 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty one, between Thomas Wright of the first part & Read Payne of the second part, and Richard Bandy of the third part Whereas the said Thomas Wright is justly indebted to the said Richard Bandy in the sum of three hundred Dollars to be paid on the first of March 1833 as appers by a bond bearing date on the 2d day of September 1831, with intrust from the date until paid, as will more fully appear by reference to said bond, which debt the said Thomas Wright is willing and desirous to secure. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that for & in consideration of the promise, and also for the further consideration of One Dollar of Lawful money of Virgiia to the said Thomas Wright in hand paid by the said Read Payne, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowld he the said Thomas Wright hath given granted bargained and sold, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain sell and confirm to the said Read Payne his heirs and assigns

forever all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin & State of Virginia containing 330 acres be the same more or less, and bounded as follows to Wit bounded by Thomas Wright Jr & Payne's lines & others, on the waters of Linville Creek with all & singular the appertenances to the said tract of land belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the Estate right title & interest of thesaid Thomas Wright in and to the said granted or intended to be hereby granted tract or parcel of land and premises, to have and to hold the said hereby granted or intended to be hereby granted tract or parcel of land & premises with its appertaneses hereby conveyed to the said Read Payne his heirs & Extrs & assingns forever to the only proper use and behoof of the said Read Payne &c and the said Thos Wright for himself his heirs Extrs administrs and assigns, doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said Read Payne his heirs Extrs &c in manner & form following that is to say, that the said Thomas Wright his heirs &c the aforesaid tract of land and premises with its appertenaces hereby conveyed unto the said Payne his heirs Extrs &c against all persons whatsoever, shall & will warrant & forever defend by these presents, Upon Trust, Nevertheless that the said Read Payne his heirs Extrs & assigns, shall permit the said Thos. Wright to remain in quiet and pesable possession of the said Tract and parcel of land and premises, with its appertes, and take the profits thereof to his own use, until default be made in the payment of the said sum of Three hundred dollars, either in whole or in part, and then upon this further trust, that the said Read Payne or the said Richard Bandy or either of them, or the Survivor their heirs Extrs &c may think proper or request after the hapining of such default of payment, they or either of them may sell the said tract of & premises with the appertances hereby granted premises as the said Read Payne or his legal representatives hearby authorised to act, and think proper to sell to the highest bidder for ready money at publick auction after having fixed the time and place of sale at their own discretion, and given thirty days notice thereof in some newspaper printed in Lynchburg, and also notified the same by advertisement to be set up at the door of the Courthouse of Franklin County on some Court day previous to the day of sale, and out of the monies arising from such sale, shall after satisfying the Charges thereof, and all other expenses attending such Sale, pay to the said Richard Bandy his Extrs &c the sum of three hundred Dollars with the Interest thereon which may lawfully have occured, and the balance if any shall pay to the said Thomas Wright his heirs Extrs. But if the whole of the said sum of three hundred dollars shall be fully paid off and discharged to the said Richard Bandy his Extrs assigns on or before the first day of March 1833 when the same is payable, so that no default of payment of the said sum of Three hundred dollars be made, then this Indenture to be void, or else to remain in full

force and virtue. In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & affixt their seals the day and year first above writen.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence — Thomas Wright Jr., Reed Payne, Richard Bandy

At the Clerks office of Franklin County Court, the 7th November 1831. This Deed of Trust from Thomas Wright to Reed Payne for the purpose of securing a debt to Richard Bandy, was acknowledged by the said Thomas Wright and Richard Bandy and admitted to record.

Teste.
Caleb Tate CFC"

The description of the land as 330 acres and the signature of Thomas Wright, Jr., clearly identifies this instrument as by Thomas Anthony Wright, the son of 1849 Thomas Wright.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W. Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Horses &c	Coaches	Carryalls	Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1	2		3			.68

The 1832 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Botetourt	Fee	330	Lynville Creek

Distance from Court House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per acre, Including buildings	Sum added to Land in Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	1.00	400.00	330.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
.27	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Jr. with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	No of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Jr.	Botetourt	Fee	330	Lynville Cr

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of land Per acre, Includ-ing buildings	Sum added to Land for Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	1.00	400.00	330.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
.27	

On October 5, 1833, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 14/7 Thomas Wright and Selia, his wife, of Botetourt County, Virginia, sold the 330 acres of land purchased by Franklin County Deed 7/546:

> "This Indenture made this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three between Thomas Wright and Selia his wife of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the one part and Richard Bandy of of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Richard Bandy his receipt whereof he hereby acknowledgeth the said Thomas Wright and Selia his wife hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Richard Bandy his heirs forever one certain tract or parcel of land, in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Situated and on the South side of Linville mountain Containing three hundred and thirty acres be the same more or less. Beginning at a hickory in the said Wrights line thence with it N 13 W 28 poles to a B.O. N 45 E 96 poles to a chesnut. S 69 E 22 poles to a blk oak S 52 E. 18

poles to a chesnut tree in Thos Paynes line thence with it as it to a WO. and hickory N 47 W 20 poles to a Gum, S 84 W 86 poles to a sp.o. S 31 W 60 poles to a CT S 66 W 24 poles to a C.O N 65 W 78 poles to a C.O S 28 poles to a C.T S 78 W. 104 poles to a C.O S 65 W 20 poles to a C.T. S 18 W 78 poles to a CT S 60 E 109 poles to a C.O S 81 E 210 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the said tract of land and premises unto him the said Richard Bandy his heirs and assigns for ever. the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns doth warrant and forever defend a good and lawful right and title in fee simple against him the said Thomas Wright his heirs or any other person whomsoever of having sush claim to the said land and premises In witness whereof they the said Thomas Wright & Selia his wife set their hand and seals the day and year above Written

Thos Wright
her
Selia X Wright
mark

Botetourt County To Wit

We John Gray and Henry Walker, justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Thomas Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on this day and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed & desires us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Franklin in order that the said deed may be recorded. And we do further certify that Selia Wright the wife of the said Thomas Wright a party to the deed aforesaid personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Selia Wright declared that she had Willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 5" day of October 1833

Jno Gray
Hy Walker

At the Clerks office of the County Court of Franklin the 23d day of November 1833

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Thomas Wright and Selia his of the one part and Richard Bandy of the other part was exhibited into the office and together with the Certificates hereon endorsed admited to record

Teste Caleb Tate C.F.C"

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W. Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Horses &c	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1	2		4	.74

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W. Tithes	S Ovr 16	S Ovr 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses No $	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
Thomas Wright	1	2		2		.62

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W. Tithes	S Over 16	S Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses No $	Coaches
Thomas Wright	1	2		2		

Giggs	Carryalls	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
		.62

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright (J Crk) with the following household:

Persons Names Chargable with tax	White Males over 16	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Between 12 & 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Thomas Wright (J Cr)		1	1	3

Stud Horses		Giggs				State Wagons & Carrialls			
		under				over		over	
No	$	No	$50	No	$50	No	$100	No	$100

Coaches				Tax
		over		
No	$200	No	$200	$ Cts
				.43

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ovr 16	S. Ovr 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses No	$	Stage & Carryalls No	$
Thomas Wright	1	1		3	1	4		

Tax $ Cts
8.43

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ovr 16	S. Ovr 12	Horses	Carryalls No	$
Thomas Wright	2	1		2	1	4

Coaches		Amt of Tax
No	$	$ Cts
		8.46

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ov. 16	S. Ov. 12	Horses &c	Carryalls No	$
Thomas Wright	2	1	1	4		

Coaches &c No	$	Tax $ Cts
		.92

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	White Tith-ables	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Hrs
Thomas Wright	2	1		4	1/3

Coaches &c	Amt of Tax $ Cts
6.62	

The 1840 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	FreeWhite Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Thomas Wright	1	40-50	1	30-40
	1	20-30	1	5-10
	1	15-20	1	0-5

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	55-100	1	24-36
				1	24-36	1	10-24
				1	0-10		

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in

Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
11		4				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.

Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Thomas Wright was born between 1800 and 1810 and that Celia (Wright) Wright was born between 1810 and 1820.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names	White Tithables	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Gigg No $
Thomas Wright	2	1		5	

Barow No $	Tax $ ¢ M
	1.02 5

On January 20, 1842, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 25/240 Thomas Wright executed a deed of trust as to certain personal property to Jacob Leffle to secure a debt due to Aaron Fisher:

> "This Indenture made this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two between Thomas Wright of the first part and Jacob Leffle of the second part and Aaron Fisher of the third part, Whereas the said Thomas Wright is justly indebted to the said Aaron Fisher in the sum of One hundred & thirty five Dollars & Sixty seven Cents with interest thereon from the 5th day of February 1841, due by note which bears date 4th day of February 1841. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the premises, and for the further consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of Virginia to the said Thomas Wright in hand paid by the said Jacob Leffle the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Thomas Wright hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Jacob Leffle his exors admrs & assigns the following personal property to Wit: One Waggon & hind Gear, three head of horses, two head of Cattle, eleven head of hogs, all the household & Kitchen furniture of the said Thomas Wright consisting chiefly of the following articles Viz, 4 Bedsteads, 1

Secretary, 3 Tables 3 beds and furniture, 1 Writing desk, 1 dozen split bottom Chairs, 3 Windsor Chairs, 3 Chests, one Trunk, one flax wheel & 1 Cotton wheel all the table furniture & Cooking utensils of the said Wright, One rifle gun, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, to have and to hold the said property above named unto the said Jacob Leffle his exors admrs and assigns forever; to the only proper use & behoof of the said Jacob Leffle his exors admrs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas Wright for himself his executors and administrators, doth Covenant with the said Jacob Leffle his exors admrs and assigns to Warrant and forever defend the said property above named against the claim or claims of him the said Thomas Wright & of all other persons whatsoever. Upon Trust, nevertheless, that the said Jacob Leffle shall protect the said Thomas Wright to remain in quiet & peaceable possession of the said property hereby conveyed, until default be made in the payment of the said sum of money or any part thereof; and then upon his further trust, that so soon after the happening of such default as the said Aaron Fisher or his legal representatives shall order or the said Thomas Wright or his legal representatives shall order or the said Thomas Wright or his legal representatives shall request, the said Jacob Leffle shall proceed to sell the said property hereby conveyed or so much thereof as he may think sufficient for the purpose, and shall think proper to sell, to the highest bidder, for ready money, at public auction, after having given at least ten days notice of the time & place of sale, by advertisements posted up at such places as he may think suitable, and out of the moneys arising from such sale shall, after satisfying the charges thereof, and all other expences attending the premises, pay to the said Aaron Fisher the said sum of One hundred and thirty five Dollars, and 67 Cents and interest, and the balance if any, shall pay to the said Thomas Wright his heirs exors admrs or assigns. But if no default be made in the payment of the said sum of money on the twenty fifth day of December 1843, then this Indenture to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day & year first above Written.

Signed, Sealed &) Thomas Wright
delivered in the) his
presence of) Aaron X Fisher
mark

The word "heirs" in several places, erased before signed

Teste
R. M. Herdford

Botetourt County Court Clerk's Office 20th January 1842

This Deed was this day exhibited in said office & acknowledged by the parties thereto and admitted to record

teste
T. Woltz Clk"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Chargeable with Tax	White Males over 16	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Between 12 & 16	Horses Mares Mules
Thomas Wright	2			4

Giggs & Sulkies	4 wheeld Pleasure Carriages & Carryalls over $100	over $100 $200	over $200	Silver Watches	Gold Watches	Metallic Clocks

Gold & Silver Plate	Piano Value $100	Piano Value over $100	Amount of Tax $ ¢
			.50

The 1842 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & poles	Locality
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land p Acre Including Buildings $ ¢	Sum added to the account of Buildings $	Total Value of the Land & Buildings Value $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 12½ pr Ct on the $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year
16 Miles W	1.00		10.00	.01	New grant
"	.50		.50	.05	New grant

This was apparently a patent for new land in Botetourt County.

On July 18, 1842, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 25/459 Thomas Wright executed another deed of trust as to certain personal property to Samuel Chambers to secure a debt due to John Goode:

> "This Indenture made this 18th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two between Thomas Wright of the first part and Samuel Chambers of the second part and John Goode of the third part. Whereas the said Thomas Wright is justly indebted to the said John Goode in the sum of One hundred dollars & 14 cents due by bond, with interest from the date above, the said Thos. Wright is willing and desirous to secure. This Indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and also for the further consideration of one dollar to the said Thomas Wright in hand paid by the said Samuel Chambers at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Thomas Wright hath given granted bargained and sold, released and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell release & confirm to the said Samuel Chambers his heirs and assigns forever the following property to wit: one yoke of Steers and yoke, one waggon and hind gear, three head of horses, seven head of Cattle, eleven head of Hogs, and all the household and Kitchen furniture also farming utensils, three beds and furniture, one cot, one secretary, one table and two small tables, one loom, one Cupboard, and all the table furniture and cooking utensils, one rifle gun, three tracts or parcels of land as follows: one tract of Eighty five acres adjoining the land of Thomas Price and others on the north side of Baly's mountain on the waters of Barber's Creek. One of Ten acres on the waters of Barber's Creek adjoining the land of James Gray and others on Boyles mountain. One half of a tract of fifty acres taken up by Thomas Wright & Alxn Crafford adjoining the said ten acres, unto the said Samuel Chambers, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, and the proper use and behoof of the said Samuel Chambers his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns for ever. And the said Thomas Wright for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Samuel Chambers, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that the said

Thomas Wright will warrant and forever defend by these presents. Upon trust, nevertheless that the said Samuel Chambers shall permit the said property until default be made in the payment of the said sum due by bond, either in whole or in part, then the said Samuel Chambers his heirs, executors, or administrators so soon after the happening of such default of payment as he or his heirs, executors or administrators shall request sell the said property or such part thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said debt to the highest bidder for ready money at public Auction, after having fixed the time and place of sale at their own discretion & given ten days notice thereof by advertising it at the front door of the Court house of Botetourt County on a Court day previous to the day of sale, and out of the money arising from such sale, shall after satisfying the charges thereof and all other expenses pay unto the said John Goode his executors, administrators or assigns the said sum of One hundred dollars and 14 Cents with the interest wh. may lawfully accrue thereon, and the balance if any shall pay to the said Thomas Wright, his order, or heirs, executors, administrators, then if the whole of the said sum of money be paid by the said Thomas Wright his heirs &c on before the 25th day of December 1843 then this Indenture is to be void or else remain in full force and virtue. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Thomas Wright
Saml. A. Chambers
John Goode

Botetourt County Court, Clerk's office 6th August, 1842

This Deed was this day exhibited in said office and acknowledged by Thomas Wright a party thereto and admitted to record.

teste,
F. Woltz, Clk"

On October 15, 1842, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 26/2 Thomas Wright executed another deed of trust as to 607 acres of real property to Barclay Nutter to secure his sureties John C. Smith and James T. Wright:

"This Indenture made this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord first thousand eight hundred and forty two between Thomas Wright of the one part, and Barclay Nutter of the second part and John C. Smith and James T. Wright of the third part. Whereas the said Thomas Wright hath obtained a Bill of Injunction to restrain the collection of a Judgment lately obtained in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Botetourt in the name of Anderson Pack and Thomas Fowler assignees of Samuel Phillips for Two

hundred dollars with interest and costs thereon and the said Smith and James T. Wright hath become his security in the injunction bond. Now this indenture witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the premises, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of Virginia, to the said Thomas Wright in hand paid by the said Barclay Nutter, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Thomas Wright hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Barclay Nutter, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being on the Waters of Barber's Creek, in the County of Botetourt being the same land now occupied and cultivated by the said Thomas Wright containing by estimation six hundred and seven acres, and was originally in two several tracts, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said said tracts of land unto the said Barclay Nutter his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Thomas Wright for himself, his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant with the said Barclay Nutter his heirs and assigns, to warrant and forever defend the title &c to said land against the claim or claims of him the said Thomas Wright and all persons whatsoever. Upon Trust, nevertheless, that the said Barclay Nutter his heirs &c shall permit the said Thomas Wright to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said tracts of land, until default be made in the payment of the said sum of money, or any part thereof, and then upon this further trust, that so soon after the happening of such default, as the said John C. Smith or James T. Wright or either of them shall become liable to pay any money for the said Thomas Wright by virtue of their securityship as aforesaid, or their legal representatives shall request, the said Barclay Nutter shall proceed to sell the said tracts of Land, or so much thereof as he may think sufficient for the purpose, and shall think proper to sell, to the highest bidder for ready money, at public auction, after having given at least thirty days notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement posted at the front door of the Court house of Botetourt County, and by advertisement in some newspaper printed in said County of Botetourt, and out of the monies arising from such sale shall after satisfying the charges thereof and all other expenses attending the premises, pay to the said John C. Smith and James T. Wright all such sums of money as they may have paid for the said Thomas Wright, or be liable to pay in consequence of having become the said Thomas Wrights security. But if the said Thomas Wright shall succeed in his said Bill of Injunction so that his said securities shall in no way be liable, then this indenture to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. In testimony whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

Thomas Wright

Botetourt County Court Clerk's office 15th October, 1842.

This Deed was this day exhibited in said office and acknowledged by Thomas Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. Robinson D.C."

The document by which Thomas Anthony Wright acquired the 607 acres of land referred to in the deed of trust has not as yet been located.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons	White Males over 16	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Between 12 & 16	Horses &c
Thomas Wright	2			3

Giggs & Sulkies	Carry-alls	4 wheeld Cariages	do do	Silver Watch	Silver lever do	Gold do	Wood Clock

Metallic do	Gold & Silver Plate	Piano $100	Attor-ney of law	Interest	Physi-cian	Wills	Amount of Tax $ ¢
							.42

The 1843 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & Poles	Locality
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	F simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance & bearing from Court House	Value of Land p acre includg builds $	Sum add.d to Land on act. buildgs $	Total value of Land & buildings $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 15 pr Cent on $100 Value $ ¢	Explana tion of Altera tions during the preceding year
16 Miles W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.06	

The will of 1849 Thomas Wright dated October 20, 1843, and probated on August 6, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/79 listed Thomas Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Item 8" I have heretofore paid my son Thomas Wright five hundred $ for which I have his receipt & which is intended as his portion of my estate . . . ."

On January 13, 1844, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 26/388 a list of sales of the property of Thomas Wright sold on January 20, 1842, for the benefit of Aaron Fisher was filed:

> "A Bill of Sale of the property of Thomas Wright sold under a deed of Trust executed by Thomas Wright to Jacob Liffel for the benefit of Aaron Fisher and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Botetourt date the 20th day of January 1842.

Names	Articles Sold	$ ¢
Aaron Fisher	one Waggon	5.
Do. Do	one set hind geer	1.50
James T. Wright	one Bay horse	.50
Barclay Nutter	one Bay Mare	15.
Harrison Gray	one Roane Mare	35.
Barclay Nutter	one Cow	3.50
Clifton G. Hill	one bed & clothing	3.56¼
Harrison Gray	one Bedsted & Cord	1.12½
James Scott	one trundle bed & bedstead	2.50
Aaron Fisher	one bedstead & Cord	.75
do. do.	one Chest	2.
do. do.	one do.	1.
Hillery Ripley	one do.	.02
do. do.	one Big Wheel	1.06

Aaron Fisher	one Secretary	5.00
do. do.	one serving table	.25
Clifton G. Hill	one folding table	.50
Aaron Fisher	one Lot Cupboard ware	.50
do. do.	one Lot Sundries	1.00
Aaron Mann	one Smoothing Iron	.32
Mrs. Crawford	one do.do.	.12½
Aaron Fisher	one Skillet	.32
James Scott	one lamp Kettle	.01
Aaron Fisher	Seven pieces of Chairs	.25
do. do.	3 Windsor Chairs	.75
do. do.	1 desk	1.03
Aaron Fisher	one Small Table	.99
	one Rifle Gun	6.00
		$90.56¾

By Expenses,	Recording Deed	$1.50	
	Commissions on debt	11.52	
	Amount paid Clerk	.50	
	Amt pd Auctioneer	1.00	
	Amt for recording sale Bill	.50	8.02
			$82.54½

C. G. Hill Auctioneer

In Botetourt County Court Clerks office 13th Jany 1844.

This Sale Bill of the property of Thomas Wright for the benefit of Aaron Fisher was returned to said office and admitted to record

Teste
Wm. Robinson D.C."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax 1844	White Males over 16 yrs	Slaves Over 16	Slaves 12-16	Horses &c
Thomas Wright	1			

4 whd carriages & Value	Ditto	clocks @ 25	clocks @ 50	Silver Watches	Silver Lev. watch	Gold watch	Piano & Val

Attor-neys	Deeds &c	Amount of Tax $ ¢

The 1844 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & Poles	Locality
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance & bearing from Court House	Value of Land p acre includg builds $	Sum add.d to Land on act. buildgs $	Total value of Land & build-ings $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 15 pr Cent on $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of Altera-tions during the preced-ing year
16 Miles W	1.00	200.00	10.00	.01	
"	.50	"	43.50	.05	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Persons Charge-able with Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mules &c
Thomas Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and Value	Stages and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever lepine or silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
					.10

The 1845 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	F simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year especially from whom transferred
16 W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

The 1846 and later Personal Property Tax Lists for Botetourt County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The 1846 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	F simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
10 W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, Mountains, and Contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	fee Simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum Added to the Land on account of buildings	Total Value of Land & buildings	Amt of Tax on the whole tract, at the Legal Rate	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom whom transferred
10 Miles SE	1.00	200.00	10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

The 1848 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	F simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & build-ings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera-tions during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple,r for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	f simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera-tions during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Thomas Wright	Botetourt	F simple	10.00	Barbers Creek
Same	"	"	87.00	"

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	1.00		10.00	.01	
"	.50		43.50	.04	

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton enclosed an abstract of the 1850 Census for Vernon Township, Conway County, Arkansas, which listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
Thomas Right	55	Virginia
Cela Right	50	Virginia
Lutasha Right	18	Virginia
Nescipa Right	17	Virginia

In about September 1850 Anthony P. Wright instituted a suit in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File No. 682, for an order authorizing the sale of Anthony Wright's land to satisfy the division of the estate among the widow Catherine and Anthony Wright's issue. All of the potential distributees, except Rhoda (Wright) Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright who were out of the state, joined in the request for the sale. The complaint provided as follows:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting
>
> Humbly complaining ____? unto your worships your orators and oratrices - Catharine Wright the widow of Anthony Wright deceased, Joseph Wright George Wheeler and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish Thomas A. Wright Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright and Sameul H. Claytor and Eliza Jane his wife that Anthony Wright departed this life in the month of August 1850 intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County of Bedford and four slaves, that Anthony P. Wright has taken out letters of administration on his estate - that the following persons are entitled to distribution of his estate to wit your oratrix Catharine his widow is entitled to one third of the said real estate and slaves for life -

William Wright & Rhoda his wife to one share -
Your orator Joseph Wright to one share -
Thomas Wright and Celia his wife to one share -
Your orator and oratrix George Wheeler and Agnes his wife to one share
Your orator & oratrix Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife to one share
Your orator & oratrix Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife to one share

Your oratrix Polly Gish to one share - and your orators and oratrices Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solomon M. Wright Sameul H. Claytor & Eliza Jane his wife and Jubal J. Wright to another share the said last named Jubal J. Wright is an infant under the age of 21 years, and the above named William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Thomas Wright and Celia his wife reside out of the limits of this state - they further state that the land is not worth $300 to each distributive share and could not be divided without greatly impairing the value thereof, and it will be seen from the number of distributees that the slaves being only four in number cannot be divided in kind, and that it is not necessary that any of the slaves should be sold for the payment of debts of the said intestate - Your oratrix Catharine is willing that all the slaves may be sold and she receive the interest on one third of the sales during her life or a sum certain in lieu of her life estate -

They further state that the intestate in his life time made advancements to some of his children with which they should be charged -

To the end therefore that they may obtain the relief to which they are entitled they pray that the said Anthony P. Wright admr of the said Anthony Wright - decd the said Thomas Wright and Celia his wife William Wright and Rhoda his wife and Jubal J. Wright may be made parties defendants to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof - May it please your worships to appoint discreet persons to lay off the dower to the widow of the said Anthony Wright and also commissioners to sell the residue of the land and the slaves hereinbefore mentioned for distribution among those entitled may an account of advancements made by the intestate in his lifetime to his children be taken & may an order of publication be awarded against the absent defts Thomas Wright and Celia his wife and William Wright and Rhoda his wife, a Guardian ad litem be appointed for the infant defendant Jubal J. Wright, the Commonwealth writ of Subpoena commanding etc and all such other and further relief as the nature of their case may require and equity and good conscience dictate - and as in duty bound they will ever pray etc

Johnson J (?) Campbell
attorneys for Complainants"

Sometime thereafter in File 682 Thomas A. Wright joined in a request for the sale of 1850 Anthony Wright's land:

"We the undersigned distributees of the estate of Anthony Wright decd desire that a decree may be made by the County Court of Bedford for a sale of the land and slaves of which the said Anthony died seized and possessed & after laying off and assigning to the widow of the said Anthony her dower and thirds therein, as the land is not worth the sum of Three hundred dollars to each distributee and the slaves being only four in number cannot be divided in Kind - and we hereby consent that our names may be used as parties in any proceeding that may be necessary for that purchase

Polly Gish	
George Wheeler	Agness Wheeler
Joseph W Mays & malinda Mays	
Catharine Wright the widow	
J G Bondurant	Martha Bondurant
Thos. A. Wright	
JereMiah wright	
Samuel H. Claytor	Eliza Jane Claytor
Solomon M Wright	
Juble J Wright	
J. M. Wright"	

On October 11, 1850, in File 682 notice of the suit was published in the Bedford Sentinel stating that Thomas and Celia Wright then resided out of state:

"Virginia:

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office, of Bedford County Court, on Monday the 7th day of October, 1850:

Catharine Wright, widow of Anthony Wright deceased; Joseph Wright, George Wheeler, and Agnes his wife, Robert Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Mays and Malinda his wife, Polly Gish, Thomas A. Wright, Jesse G. Bondurant and Martha Ann his wife, Joel M. Wright, Jeremiah Wright, Solemon M. Wright and Samuel H. Claytor and Elizabeth Jane his wife,

plaintiffs

against

Anthony P. Wright, Administrator of Anthony Wright Deceased; Thomas Wright and Celia his wife, William Wright and Rhoda his wife, and Jubal J. Wright,

Defts.

In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for a sale of the Land and Slaves, of the Estate of Anthony Wright dec'd., for distribution among those entitled.

It appearing by affidavit, that the defendants William Wright and Rhoda his wife, and Thomas Wright and Celia his wife, are not residents of this state. It is ordered that the said defendants do appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this order be published in the Bedford Sentinel, once a week for four weeks successively, and posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this County, on the first day of the next County Court.

(Johnson & Campbell, counsel for Plaintiffs.

A Copy - Teste,
Jno. M. Reese, DC.

This is to certify that the annexed order of publication of Catharine Wright widow of Anthony Wright, and others against Anthony P. Wright, Admr of Anthony Wright decd, has been published in the "Bedford Sentinel" for four consecutive weeks, commencing Oct. 11th 1850.

H. M. Garland jr
Editor "Bedford Sentinel."
Decr 21st 1850

Publishers fee $4.37-1/2"

On February 24, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 21/526, Thomas Wright and Sela, his wife, of Conway County, Arkansas, appointed Solomon Wright of Roanoke County, Virginia, their attorney in fact to settle their interest in the estate of Thomas Wright Senior of Franklin County, Virginia, and to receive any property due them from Robert P. Wright, executor of the will of Thomas Wright Senior:

"Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Wright and Sela Wright my wife of the State of Arkansas have made constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make constitute and appoint and in our place and stead put and depute Solomon Wright of Roanoke County & State of Virginina our true and lawful Attorney to grant bargain and sell all our interest in the lands with which or father, to wit, Thomas Wright senior of Franklin County and State of Virginia died seized or possessed of with the appurtenances and all our Estate right title and interest therein unto such person or persons for such price or prices as he shall

think proper an also for us and in our name place and stead and as our proper act and deed to sign seal and deliver and acknowles all such deed or deeds of conveyance as shall be necessary for the absolute granting and assuring of the premises unto the purchaser or purchasers in fee simple and further we the said Thomas Wright and Sela Wright as aforesaid do by these presents do make constitute and appoint the above named Solomon Wright our true and lawfull attorney as aforesaid for us and in our names and for our use to ask recover and receive of and from Robert P. Wright Executor of the above named Thomas Wright Decd. or in whose hands soever the same may be found the money arising from the sale of the foregoing mention land or said legacy or bequest mentioned in the Will of the aforesaid Thomas Wright Sen. Decd. and also such other sum or sums of money or demands whatsoever which are or shall be due, owing payable and belonging to us by any means whatsoever for or on account of our full share part or dividend of the Estate aforesaid, giving and granting unto our said Attorney by these presents our full power and authority to enter all lawfull ways and means in our name for the purposes aforesaid and upon the receipt of any such debts dues or sums of money to give acquitances or other sufficient discharges for us and in our name to make seal and deliver and to execute and perform as fully to all intents and purposes as if we ourselves could do if personally present. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 24' day of February A D 1851

Test
Benjamin Smith
R. W. Venable

Thomas Wright
her
Sela X Wright
mark

State of Arkansas Conway County to wit:

Be it known that on the 24" day of February in the year of 1851 Before me came the above named Thomas Wright and Sela Wright his wife and acknowledged the above letter of Attorney to be their act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 24' day of February 1851

Lew Porter J P

State of Arkansas Conway County, to wit:

I Ephraim Morrell Clerk of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Lewis Porter Esquire whose hand and Seal is affixed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement is a magistrate of the County of Conway and that all faith and credit ought to be paid to all his acts and deeds as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be hereunto

affixed this 26' day of February in the year of 1851 and of our Independance the 75" year.

Ephraim Morrell Clerk

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 7" day of July 1851.

This Power of Attorney from Thomas Wright and Sela his wife to Solomon Wright was exhibited into the said office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
M. G. Carper C. F. C."

The only Thomas Wright estate in Franklin County, Virginia, shortly prior to 1851 was that of 1849 Thomas Wright. His will dated October 20, 1843, proved August 6, 1849, and recorded at Franklin County W.B. 7/79 listed sons Thomas and Solomon. Robert P. Wright was the named executor and qualified as such on August 6, 1849. The Thomas Anthony Wright who married Celia Wright was, therefore, the son of 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County.

On July 30, 1853, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 32/321 a survey was filed for William Scott for 87 acres of land originally patented for Thomas Wright, but sold for non-payment of taxes:

"Surveyed for William Scott Eighty Seven Acres of land on the waters of Barbers Creek, and said land was granted to Thomas Wright by Pattent survey bearing date the 24th day of July 1840, and the same was sold for taxes in the year 1850, and purchased by said William Scott, the land now lying in the County of Craig and bounded as follows - Beginning at a small hickory on a line of Gray's land and a line of Erastus Price's land with Gray's land N 74 E 48 poles to 3 Chesnut Oaks and a pine fell down near the top of a ridge Corner to Gray's S 55, E 24 poles, to 2 black Oaks & a Chesnut Oak on the end of the mountain N 40 E 44 poles to on Gray's line near 2 Chesnut Oaks thence leaving Gray's land. North 101 poles to a black Oak, red oak & Sour Wood above the head of a hollow N 5 E 105 poles to near 2 pines and three Chesnut Sprouts added on a line of sd Scott's land and with the same N 70 W 22-1/2 poles, to a large white Oak Corner to sd Scott's land with the same S 21-1/2 W 210 poles Crossing sd creek at 28 poles & crossing it again to a stake on said line, Corner to said Price's land & with the same S.1 W 42 poles to the beginning

July 30th 1853 Elisha B. Wagener. Sur, C.C"

On August 14, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/488, Celia Wright executed a power of attorney in Lawrence County, Missouri, appointing James Wright her attorney in fact to act for her in regard to the estate of Anthony Wright of which she was an heir:

> "Know all men by these presents that I Celia Wright of the County of Lawrence and State of Missouri have for divers good causes and considerations, are hereunto having nominated made constituted and appointed, and by these, do nominate make constitute and appoint James Wright of the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, my true effectual, and lawful attorney, in fact, for me, and in my name, place room, and stead, to ask for demand, receive, and receipt for all monies, due me by note, bill bond, assignment, endorsement, book account or otherwise, in Said County of Bedford, and State of Virginia from any person, or persons, Whatever, but more particularly to collect all money due me, from the estate of Anthony Wright decd. as one of the heirs of said Anthony Wright, of the administrator or Comimssioner of Said estate, and upon Said administrator or Commissioner, or any one, or more, or all of my said debtors, refusing to pay my said attorney upon demand the money due by of the ways herein mentioned, then due in that case, my said attorney is hereby constituted empowered and directed to institute, and carry on any suit in law or equity necessary for the recovery of my monies for the proper obtaining of Judgment and final recovery of said moneys or any part thereof, and to give releases and acquittances receipt, and discharges and any other matter, or thing, necessary in and about the premises, hereby ratifying making effectual and confirming whatever my said attorney may lawfully do, in and about the premises, in as a full and ample a manner, as if I myself were personally present. In Witness whereof the said Celia Wright hath hereunto set her hand and Seal this 14th day of August A.D. 1855.

Celia her X Mark Wright

State of Missouri)
Lawrence County)

This day personally appeared before me Reuben Stringer an acting Justice of the peace in and for Lawrence County, Celia Wright who is personally known to me, to be the person whose name is subscribed to foregoing instrument of writing, as a party thereto and acknowledged that she executed the same for the

uses and purposes therein mentioned given under my hand this 14th day of August 1855.

Reuben Stringer J. P.

State of Missouri)
County of Lawrence) S.S.

I William W. Gay Clerk of the County Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that Reuben String Esqr. before whom the acknowledged was made, and executed, and who has Subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned and Sworn, and that his signature thereto is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name, and affixed the Seal of the County Court, for the County aforesaid this 17th day of August 1855.

Wm. W. Gay Gay Clk County Court

State of Missouri)
County of Lawrence) S.S.

I David E. Gibson presiding Justice of the County Court of Lawrence, certify that William W. Gay whose genuine Signature appears to the foregoing certificate was at the date thereof Clerk of said Court and that his attestation is in due form, and by the proper officer.

Given under my hand this 17th day of August A D 1855.

David E. Gibson President,

In the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court the 4th day of September 1855. This writing from Celia Wright, to James Wright (P Atty.) was produced in the office, together with the certificates thereto annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the 1860 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, listed Cely Wriht in the Francis M. Jinnings household at Mount Vernon Township:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Francis M. Jinnings	26	Farmer	Va
Narcissus Jinnings	25		Va
William H. Jinnings	3		Mo
Isura C. Jinnings	1		Mo
Cely Wright	53	Inmate	Va

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the 1870 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, listed Selia Wright in the Francis N. Jennings household at Mount Vernon Township:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Francis N. Jennings	37	Farmer	Va
William W. Jennings	14	Works on farm	Mo
Isabell Jennings	8		Mo
James R. Jennings	3		Mo
Bouse T. Jennings	1		Mo
Mary Harlow	47	Keeps house	Va
Robert N. Harlow	24	Works on farm	Mo
Gollahugh Harlow	14	Works on farm	Mo
Eliza Harlow	12		Mo
Missouri Harlow	9		Mo
George Ann Harlow	7		Mo
Bouse Hamilton	17	Works on farm	Mo
Selia Wright	67	Keeps house	Va

Our Kin stated that Celia Wright was a daughter of Anthony Wright and Betsy Mayse, that she married Thomas Anthony Wright on November 8, 1817, and that they went West.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton enclosed family group sheets which stated that Celia (Wright) Wright was born in 1800 at Virginia, resided with her husband in 1850 in Conway County, Arkansas, and was buried at Canaan, Searcy County, Arkansas, that Thomas Anthony Wright was born in 1795 at Virginia and resided in 1850 in Conway County, Arkansas, and that Celia (Wright) Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright had three children:

1) James Tyree Wright, born in 1822 in Virginia,

2) Lutasha Wright, born in 1832 in Virginia, and

3) Narcissa Wright, born in 1833 in Virginia.

In his letter dated January 7, 1998, James Troy Massey enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas Anthony Wright was born on April 14, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Celia Wright, that Celia (Wright) Wright was born in 1793 at Bedford County, Virginia, and died in 1877 at Searcy County, Arkansas, and that Thomas Anthony Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright had the following child:

1) James Tyrie Wright, born about 1821 at Giles County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Celia (Wright) Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright of Arkansas were the following:

1) James Tyree Wright, born in 1821 or 1822 at Virginia,

2) Lutasha (Wright) Gosick or Goswick, born about 1832 at Virginia, and

3) Narcissa or Nescipa or Agnes Necipia (Wright) Jennings, born in about 1833 or on July 6, 1834, at Virginia.

i. 1863 James Tyree Wright Of Searcy County, Arkansas, His Wife Mary (Duncan) (Wright) Parks, And His Descendants

1863 James Tyree Wright of Searcy County, Arkansas, was a son of Celia (Wright) Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright of Arkansas. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Celia[4])

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax 1844	White Males over 16 yrs	Slaves Over 16	Slaves 12-16	Horses &c
Jas. T Wright	1			2

4 whd carriages & Value	Ditto	clocks @ 25	clocks @ 50	Silver Watches	Silver Lev. watch	Gold watch	Piano & Val

Attor-neys	Deeds &c	Amount of Tax $ ¢
		.25

The 1844 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & Poles	Locality
Jas. T Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	40.12	Barbers Creek

Distance & bearing from Court House	Value of Land p acre includg builds $	Sum add.d to Land on act. buildgs $	Total value of Land & buildings $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 15 pr Cent on $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of Altera-tions during the preced-ing year
16 Miles W	.20	200.00	8.35	.01	New grant

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following household:

Persons Charge-able with Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mules &c
James T Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and Value	Stages and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever lepine or silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
					.10

The 1845 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Jas. T Wright	Botetourt	F simple	41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year especially from whom transferred
16 W	.20		8.35	.01	

The marriage bond of James T. Wright and Mary Duncan, daughter of James, was dated on September 17, 1845, at Botetourt County, Virginia, with James T. Taylor as surety and the marriage on September 18, 1845, by A. J. Elmore as the minister:

"Botetourt County Sept the 10th 1845

To F Woltz

Sir this is to autherise you to isue a license in order to the marriage of my Daughter mary and Mr James T Wright Given under my hand this day and date above written

Test James M. Taylor James Duncan

Know all men by these presents, That we James T Wright and James M Taylor are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs &c, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 17th day of September 1845

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas the above bound James T Wright hath this day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt, a Licence for his marriage with Mary Duncan daughter of James Duncan of said county. If, therefore, there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void.

Teste, James T. Wright
F Woltz clk James M Taylor

In Conformmity with the license issued from the County Court of Botetourt I have Joined together in matrimony, James T. Wrigh and Mary Duncan on the 18th of September last. Whereof I now make return. Given under my hand this 9th of March 1846

A J. Elmore"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable with Tax	White White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies pay ing specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1846 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
Jas. T Wright	Botetourt	F simple	41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	.20		8.35	.01	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mules, &c
James Wright	1			

4 Wheel Carriages & value	Carryalls & value	2 Wheel Carriages & value	Gold Watches	Silver lever Watches	Other watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys	Physicians & Surgeons

Amt of Int. on Moneys loaned out	Fees of office	Total Amt Tax Dols Cents

The 1847 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, Mountains, and Contiguous Tracts
James T Wright	Botetourt	fee Simple	41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum Added to the Land on account of buildings	Total Value of Land & buildings	Amt of Tax on the whole tract, at the Legal Rate	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom whom transferred
16 Miles W	.20		8.35	.01	

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1848 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
James T Wright	Botetourt	F simple	41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera- tions during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	.20		8.35	.01	

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed two James Wright, one with an unreadable initial after his name and the other with the following household:

Persons charge- able with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1849 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
James T Wright	Botetourt	f simple	41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	.20		8.35	.01	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed two James Wright, one listed as James M. Wright and the other of whom had the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free netroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James Wright	1				

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Amount of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries- am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1850 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed James T. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
James T Wright			41.12	Barbers Creek

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera- tions during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	.20		8.35	.01	

The absence of a residence listing in Botetourt County is consistent with the move of James T. Wright to Conway County, Arkansas, set forth below.

The 1850 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed only one James Wright, age 23 with a wife Malinda. The absence of James Tyree Wright from the 1850 Botetourt County, Virginia, Census reflects his move to Arkansas set forth below.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton enclosed an abstract of the 1850 Census for Conway County, Arkansas, that listed James Right with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Born
James Wright	28	M	Farmer	Virginia
Mary Wright	24	F		Virginia
Giles Wright	5	M		Virginia
Floyd Wright	4	M		Virginia
Mary Pell Wright	1	F		Arkansas

This record indicates that James Tyree Wright was born in about 1822.

On October 15, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/437 James T. Wright and Mary Wright and William Goswick and Lewtishia Goswick appointed James Wright of Bedford County their attorney in fact to collect their interest as heirs of the estates of Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright;

> "Know all men by these presents that we James T. Wright & Mary his wife and William Goswick and Lewtishia Goswick his wife formally Lewtishia Wright Heirs at Law of the estate of Thomas Wright Deceased of the County of Polk and State of Missouri have for divers Good Causes and Consideration we hereunto have nominated and constituted and apointed James Wright of Bedford County in the State of Virginia our true effectual and Lawful attorney in fact for us and in our names and place and Stead to ask for demand, receive, and receipt for all Moneys due as by note, bill, Bonds endorsements, book Accounts, or otherwise, in Roanoke County and State of Virginia from any person or persons Whatsoever, but more particularly to collect all Moneys due us from the Estate of Solomon Wright deceased as the Heirs of Thomas Wright deceased, from his administrator, commissioner &c any one or More or all of our said attorney upon demand the Monies due us by any of the ways herein Mentioned then and in that case our said attorney is hereby ortherwise empowers and directed to institute and cary on ayy Suit or Suits in Law or equity necessary for the recovery of all Monies due us as herein before Mentioned, and our said attorney is hereby authorized to give acquittances, release, receipts and discharges on any other matters or things which our Said attorney Shall Judge requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if we were present and did the same hereby rattifiing, making effectual and Confirming whatsoever our said attorney may Lawfully do in & about the premises in as full and ample a manner as if we were Present and did the same.

In testimony whereof we James T. Wright and Mary his wife William Goswick & Lewtishia Goswick his wife have hereunto set our hands & seals the 15th day of October 1855

James T. Wright
William Goswick
Mary Wright
Lewtishia Goswick

State of Missouri)
County of Polk) to wit

I Abner Spence a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid In the State of Missouri do certify that James T. Wright William Goswick whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15 day of October 1855 has Acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid for the purposes therein Expressed. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1855

Abner Spence JP

State of Missouri)
County of Polk) to wit

We Abner Spencer and J. B. Appleby Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Missouri do Certify that Mary Wright the wife of James T. Wright & Lewtishia Goswick the wife of William Goswick whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15th day of October 1855 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Mary Wright & Lewtishia Goswick acknowledged the Same writing to be their act and declared that they have willingly executed the Same and did not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 15th day of October 1855

Abner Spencer J.P.
J. B. Appleby J.P.

State of Missouri)
County of Polk)

I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court of Said County do Certify that Abner Spencer and John B. Appleby whose Signatures appear to the foregoing Certificate of Acknowledgement is and was at the time of signing and certifying

the same are acting Justices of the peace in and for said County duly Commissioned and qualified and that his Signature above is Genuine

Witness my hand with the seal of said Court affixed as officer this 15th day of October 1855
J. W. Davis clerk

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County County the 17th day of December 1855 This Power of Attorney from James T. Wright & al to James Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
S. Ward ClC"

This record indicates that James T. Wright was an heir at law of both Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright, married Mary ____ before October 15, 1855, and resided on October 15, 1855, at Polk County, Missouri.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Horton enclosed an abstract of the 1860 Census for Mount Vernon Township, Lawrence County, Missouri, which listed James T. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Born
James T. Wright	39	M	House carpenter	$800	Virginia
Mary Wright	37	F	Housewife		Virginia
Giles Wright	15	M			Virginia
Floyd M. Wright	13	M			Virginia
Mary Pell Wright	11	F			Arkansas
James Wright	8	M			Arkansas
John Wright	6	M			Arkansas
Virginia Wright	2	F			Missouri

This record indicates that James T. Wright was born about 1821.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton also enclosed the following biographical extract for Mary Pell Ledbetter from a Searcy County, Arkansas, history:

"Mary Pell Ledbetter

I have been thinking I would write a sketch of my life for a long time. My eyes are so weak I kept putting it off.

I was born in Giles County, Virginia, December 12, 1849. My parents moved to Lewisburg, Arkansas in January 1850. In 1853 they moved to Polk County, Missouri, from there to Lawrence County, Missouri, and in 1861 they moved to Newton County, Arkansas. My father's name was James Tyrie Wright. He joined the Confederate Army in Missouri the summer of 1861. He was in the battle on Wilson Creek when General Lyons was killed. He was for the North, and he rode a fine white horse. It was killed also. Its mane was as fine as human hair, and -- was wounded. Several of the Yankees were killed.

Confederates were camped on the creek. The Yankees slipped down on them before they had all got up, but they whipped the Yankees and run them back to Springfield. The boys made a song about it. I have forgot the first verse. The next one went,

'They came out at the break of day,
They thought they would surprise us and whip us out so fast,
But we are the boys that turned the joke
And made the Yankees fly out among the rocky hills
To root hog, or die.'

My mother moved back to Newton County, Arkansas. My father came home on furough in the summer of 1862 and made up a company. He was elected captain. And times got so bad, he and another man was moving across the Boston Mountains with part of the family and the bushwackers or Jayhawkers, waylaid them and shot him off his horse. He fell in the bayou. My brother, 15 years old, was driving the wagon and he ran back and pulled him out of the water. Bill Conley threatened to kill him if he did, and he came across and shot him again.

There was a set of robbers: the Meekses, Hubbles, Brassfields and Conleys. There was quite a bunch of them. I have forgotten most of their names. They called the place Meekstown. They were robbing and killing innocent people. The place was 12 miles from where we lived.

Two men came and told my mother and Mrs. Burns about my father. It was late and they didn't go till next morning to my father. They buried him and did not get back home till the next day, and that bunch came the night after they left and robbed our house. I was the oldest one of us children that was there at the time. I was 13, one brother 10, one 8, one sister 3, a girl and a boy that came to stay with us for company, 5 small children that Mrs. Burns was keeping for a man. They carried out our bed clothes and beds. We had a piece of cloth in the loom. They took all the filling, and everything they could carry on horseback. Mother had a large pitcher of sorghum, they took that. They poured our flour out on the floor and broke glass in it. Then when they got all they wanted in the house, they

took a lamp out and robbed a bee gum, and then when they were ready to leave, the stomped the lamp into the ground. We thought they were gone. The girl who was with us, Mary Jane Powers, and I slipped out to listen, and a man came running back, wanted to know what man that was. I told him it was just us girls, there wasn't any man. He said he knew there was; then they went off. Oh, how I wished for a bunch of our boys to come on them while they were there. They claimed they were for the North, but they robbed all.

After that, my oldest brother was up on a mountain at a neighbor's house when the robbers came there. The lady opened the door, and the wind blew the light out, so they would not recognize my brother. They would have killed him if they had known who he was. After they left, he ran down the mountain. He jumped off rocks to get down to let the people know the robbers were going down Cave Creek, but they didn't go any farther than our house. They knew there they came again, and commenced plundering the house; they claimed they were hunting for guns and ammunition. We children were alone again. Someone outside the house gave the alarm, and they all ran from the --. I rant out to see what the alarm was about. I saw my mother, farther down the hill my brother. They all ran after him but he outran them and got away. They had taken a man and his son on the mountain and killed them later on. Two men waylaid my brother, shot him with a shotgun. Two shot hit him just below the belt, one shot on the shoulder came near the skin and my aunt cut it out with a razor. My mother and some friends took him 10 miles to Dr. Cole in Richland. -- stayed with him till he got well. My mother moved with us to Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas.
. . . ."

Finally, in his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Horton also enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Tyree Wright was born in 1821 in Virginia, that he married Mary Duncan in Virginia (now West Virginia), and that he died in 1863 at the Illinois Bayou on or about Nogo, Arkansas, and was buried near Witts Springs, Arkansas, that Mary (Duncan) Wright was born on January 3, 1823, that she married as her second husband Marshall Parks in 1865, and that she died in October 1910 or October 6, 1911, and was buried in Canaan Cemetery, Marshall, Arkansas, and that James Tyree Wright and Mary (Duncan) Wright had the following children:

1) Giles M. Wright, born in 1844 in Virginia;

2) Floyd Montgomery Wright, born on February 14, 1847, at Virginia;

3) Mary Pell (Wright) (Jones) Ledbetter, born on December 12, 1849, at Giles County, Virginia;

4) James Thomas Wright, born on October 24, 1851, at Conway County, Arkansas;

5) John A. Wright, born in 1853 at Conway County, Arkansas;

6) Virginia Bell Wright, born on July 25, 1857, at Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Mr. Horton also enclosed material which stated that James Tyrie Wright was a Captain of Company C, 11th Regiment of Cavalry, 8th Division of the Missouri State Guard in the Confederate Army, that he was elected Captain on October 22, 1861, when he was age 40, that his post office was then Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, and that he was discharged on March 20, 1862.

In his letter dated January 7, 1998, James Troy Massey enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Tyrie Wright was a son of Thomas Anthony Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright, was born about 1821 at Giles County, Virginia, married Mary Duncan, and died in 1862 at Nogo Bayou, Searcy-Pope County line, Arkansas, that Mary (Duncan) Wright was born on January 3, 1823, at Virginia, and died on October 6, 1911, at Searcy County, Arkansas, and that James Tyrie Wright and Mary (Duncan) Wright had the following children:

1) Giles M. Wright, born about 1845,

2) Mary Pell Wright, born on December 12, 1849,

3) Floyd Montgomgery Wright, born on June 6, 1850,

4) James Thomas Wright, born on Ocoter 24, 1851, at Conway County, Arkansas,

5) John A. "Little Abram" Wright, born about 1853, and

6) Virginia Belle Wright, born on July 25, 1858, at Mount Vernon, Missouri.

ii. Lutasha Or Lewtishia (Wright) Gosick Or Goswick, Her Husband William Gosick Or Goswick, And Her Descendants

Lutasha or Lewtishia (Wright) Gosick or Goswick was a daughter of Celia (Wright) Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright of Arkansas. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Celia[4])

On October 15, 1855, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/437 Lewtishia Goswick and William Goswick and James T. Wright and Mary Wright appointed James Wright of Bedford County their attorney in fact to collect their interests in the estates of Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright:

> "Know all men by these presents that we James T. Wright & Mary his wife and William Goswick and Lewtishia Goswick his wife formally Lewtishia Wright Heirs at Law of the estate of Thomas Wright Deceased of the County of Polk and State of Missouri have for divers Good Causes and Consideration we hereunto have nominated and constituted and apointed James Wright of Bedford County in the State of Virginia our true effectual and Lawful attorney in fact for us and in our names and place and Stead to ask for demand, receive, and receipt for all Moneys due as by note, bill, Bonds endorsements, book Accounts, or otherwise, in Roanoke County and State of Virginia from any person or persons Whatsoever, but more particularly to collect all Moneys due us from the Estate of Solomon Wright deceased as the Heirs of Thomas Wright deceased, from his administrator, commissioner &c any one or More or all of our said attorney upon demand the Monies due us by any of the ways herein Mentioned then and in that case our said attorney is hereby ortherwise empowers and directed to institute and cary on ayy Suit or Suits in Law or equity necessary for the recovery of all Monies due us as herein before Mentioned, and our said attorney is hereby authorized to give acquittances, release, receipts and discharges on any other matters or things which our Said attorney Shall Judge requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if we were present and did the same hereby rattifiing, making effectual and Confirming whatsoever our said attorney may Lawfully do in & about the premises in as full and ample a manner as if we were Present and did the same.
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> In testimony whereof we James T. Wright and Mary his wife William Goswick & Lewtishia Goswick his wife have hereunto set our hands & seals the 15th day of October 1855
>
> James T. Wright
> William Goswick
> Mary Wright
> Lewtishia Goswick
>
> State of Missouri)
> County of Polk) to wit
>
> I Abner Spence a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid In the State of Missouri do certify that James T. Wright William Goswick whose names are

signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15 day of October 1855 has Acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid for the purposes therein Expressed. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1855

Abner Spence JP

State of Missouri)
County of Polk) to wit

We Abner Spencer and J. B. Appleby Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Missouri do Certify that Mary Wright the wife of James T. Wright & Lewtishia Goswick the wife of William Goswick whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15th day of October 1855 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Mary Wright & Lewtishia Goswick acknowledged the Same writing to be their act and declared that they have willingly executed the Same and did not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 15th day of October 1855

Abner Spencer J.P.
J. B. Appleby J.P.

State of Missouri)
County of Polk)

I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court of Said County do Certify that Abner Spencer and John B. Appleby whose Signatures appear to the foregoing Certificate of Acknowledgement is and was at the time of signing and certifying the same are acting Justices of the peace in and for said County duly Commissioned and qualified and that his Signature above is Genuine

Witness my hand with the seal of said Court affixed as officer this 15th day of October 1855

J. W. Davis clerk

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County County the 17th day of December 1855 This Power of Attorney from James T. Wright & al to James Wright was delivered to me, and together with the Certificate thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
S. Ward ClC"

This record indicates that Lewtishia Goswick was an heir of both Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright, married William Goswick before October 10, 1855, and resided on October 10, 1855, at Polk County, Missouri.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton enclosed an abstract of the 1850 Census for Conway County, Arkansas, which listed Lutasha Right in the Thomas Right household and her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1832.

In that same letter Mr. Horton enclosed a family group sheet which stated Lutasha Wright married William Gosick and had two children, Mary Gosick and Amanda Gosick.

In her website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~keuttah/wm&lutishey1833.htm, Kay Kennemore stated that the 1860 Census for Cove Creek, Newton County, Arkansas, listed William Gossick with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
William Gossick	26	Tn.
Lutishey Gossick	26	Va.
Amanda Gossick	4	Mo.
George T. Gossick	2	Mo.

In her website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~keuttah/wm&lutishey1833.htm, Kay Kennemore stated that the 1870 Census for Cove Creek, Newton County, Arkansas, listed William Goswick with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
William Goswick	37	Tn.
Lutitia Goswick	37	Va.
Amanda Goswick	14	Ark.
George T. Goswick	11	Ark.
Mary J. Goswick	8	Ark.
Arminta E. Goswick	5	Ark.
Wiliam W. Goswick	3	Mo. (?)

In her website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~keuttah/wm&lutishey1833.htm, Kay Kennemore stated that the 1880 Census for Lamar County, Texas, listed William Goswick with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
William Goswick	46	Tn.
Luisa Goswick	46	Ark.
Wesley Goswick	12	Ark.

In her website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~keuttah/wm&lutishey1833.htm, Kay Kennemore stated that the 1900 Census for Gila County, Arizona, listed William Goswick with the following household:

Name	Age	Date Born	Place Born
William Goswick	66	Apr 1833	Tn.
Louisa Goswick	64		Ark.

In her website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~keuttah/wm&lutishey1833.htm, Kay Kennemore stated that Lutishey Wright was born in about 1836 at Virginia, married William Isaac Goswick in about 1854 or 1855, resided in 1860 and 1870 at Cove Creek, Newton County, Arkansas, and died between 1871 and 1877 at Newton County or Scott County, Arkansas, that William Isaac Goswick was born in April 1833 at Humphreys County, Tennessee, married second Louisa _____, resided in 1860 and 1870 at Cove Creek, Newton County, Arkansas, resided in 1880 at Lamar County, Texas, resided in 1900 at Gila County, Arizona, and died in 1904 at Camp Verde, Arizona, and that Lutishey (Wright) Goswick and William Isaac Goswick had the following children:

1) Amanda Goswick, born in about 1856 at Arkansas,

2) George Thomas Goswick, born on December 3, 1859, at Lawrence County, Missouri,

3) Mary J. (Goswick) Landry, born in 1862 at Newton County, Arkansas,

4) Arminta E. Goswick, born in 1865 at Newton County, Arkansas, and

5) William Wesley Goswick, born in 1867 at Newton County, Arkansas.

iii. Narcissa Or Nescipa Or Agnes Necipia (Wright) Jennings, Her Husband Francis Marion Jennings, And Her Descendants

Narcissa or Necsipa or Agnes Necipia (Wright) Jennings was a daughter of Celia (Wright) Wright and Thomas Anthony Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Celia[4])

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Bennie Horton enclosed an abstract of the 1850 Census for Conway County, Arkansas, which listed Nescipa Right in the Thomas Right household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the 1860 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, listed Francis M. Jinnings with the following household at Mount Vernon Township:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Francis M. Jinnings	26	Farmer	Va
Narcissus Jinnings	25		Va
William H. Jinnings	3		Mo
Isura C. Jinnings	1		Mo
Cely Wright	53	Inmate	Va

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the 1870 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, listed Francis N. Jennings with the following household at Mount Vernon Township:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Francis N. Jennings	37	Farmer	Va
William W. Jennings	14	Works on farm	Mo
Isabell Jennings	8		Mo
James R. Jennings	3		Mo
Bouse T. Jennings	1		Mo
Mary Harlow	47	Keeps house	Va
Robert N. Harlow	24	Works on farm	Mo
Gollahugh Harlow	14	Works on farm	Mo
Eliza Harlow	12		Mo
Missouri Harlow	9		Mo
George Ann Harlow	7		Mo
Bouse Hamilton	17	Works on farm	Mo
Selia Wright	67	Keeps house	Va

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the 1870 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, listed Narsisa Wright in the Mortality Schedule and that she died in February 1870 and was age 32, female, white, married, and born in Virginia.

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger stated that the probate of Francis M. Jennings was in Box 21, File 550, Lawrence County, Missouri, that John E. Fenton filed his declaration that Francis Jennings died in August 1872 leaving as his heirs William H. Jennings, Isabel Jennings, James R. Jennings, and Thomas B. Jennings of Lawrence County, Missouri, that Sarah E. Jennings relinquished her right to administer the estate, that letters of administration were issued on September 20, 1872, and that final settlement was made on June 12, 1876.

In his letter dated April 4, 1988, Mr. Horton enclosed a family group sheet which stated that Agnes Necipia Wright married Marion Jennings on November 18, 1854, that she had three children, James Jennings, Thomas Jennings, and William Jennings, and that she resided at and was buried at Mount Vernon, Missouri.

In her letter dated October 1, 1999, Jenenah Smith enclosed family group sheets which stated that Narcissa H. Wright was a daughter of Thomas Anthony Wright and Celia (Wright) Wright, was born on July 6, 1834, at Virginia, married Francis Marion "Frank" Jennings on March 11, 1854, or March 3, 1855, at Missouri, and died on November 6, 1868, at Missouri.

In her email dated March 3, 2000, Barbara Meger enclosed family group sheets which stated that Narsisa Agnes Wright was born on July 3, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Francis Marion Jennings on March 11, 1855, at Lawrence County, Missouri, resided in 1860 at Mount Vernon Township, Lawrence County, Missouri, was listed in the mortality schedule in the 1870 Census for Lawrence County, Missouri, and died in February 1870 at Lawrence County, Missouri, that Francis M. Jennings enlisted on April 30, 1864, in Comnpany C, 76th Regiment E. M. M. and was relieved on November 15, 1864, married second Sarah E. _____, and died in August 1872 at Lawrence County, Missouri, and that Narsisa Agnes (Wright) Jennings and Francis Marion Jennings had the following children:

1) William Henderson Jennings, born on September 11, 1856, at Lawrence County, Missouri,

2) Izora Kate Jennings, born on July 5, 1859, at Lawrence County, Missouri,

3) Isabelle Ann (Jennings) (Place) (Smith) Betts, born on November 21, 1862, at Lawrence County, Missouri,

4) James Robert Jennings, born on July 27, 1866, at Lawrence County, Missouri, and

5) Thomas Bouse Jennings, born on July 6, 1869, at Lawrence County, Missouri.

e. Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey, Her Husband 1826 Archibald Wright Of Bedford County, Her Non-Husband _____, Her Husband Robert C. Ramsey, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth Wright and Archibald Wright was dated on May 22, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony Wright as surety and the marriage on May 27, 1820:

"Know all men by these presents that we Archibald Wright & Anthy Wright are and firmly bound unto James P Preston Governor or chief magistrate of Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars Current Money of Virginia to which payment well and truly to be made to the Said Governor or his Successors we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs exors &c jointly and Severally by these presents Sealed and dated this 22 day of May 1820

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had & Solomnized between the above bound Archd Wright & Elizabeth Wright Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void else remain in full force & Virtue

Archibald Wright
Anthony Wright

Archer Wright & Elizabeth Wright May 27 1820
. . . ."

Our Kin originally listed the marriage as to Anthony Wright, but a handwritten correction by Mrs. Parker changed that to Archibald.

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archer Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Archer Wright	1	16-26	1	16-26

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	1		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

All Other
Persons

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Wright and Archibald Wright were born between 1795 and 1804. Since Anthony Wright was residing in Bedford County at the date of birth, Elizabeth Wright's place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on February 18:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
February 18	Archd Wright		2	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						.28

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on May 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
May 25	Archd Wright		1	

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						.14

On June 3, 1822, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Archibald Wright and John Wright executed their promissory note for $67.17 payable to John Sinclair:

> "On demand We Archabald Wright and John Wright both of bedford County Do promis to pay John Sinclair the Just sum of $67-17 sixty seven dollars & Seventeen cents for value received for the true payment to be made un to the sd John Sinclair we bind our selves our heirs &c in the penial sum of $134-34 one hundred & thirty four Dollars & thirty four Cents, as witnesst Our hands & seals this 3rd Day of June 1822
>
> Test — Archibald Wright
> Nancy Wright — John Wright"

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on March 24:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
March 24	Archd Wright		1		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		.12

On November 22, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 18/238 Archibald Wright executed a deed of trust as to certain personal property to Charles Whilety and John H. Smith to secure a debt due to John Wright (Mountain):

> "This Indenture made this twenty second day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, between Archibald Wright of the first part. Charles Whilety and John H. Smith of the second part and John Wright (Mountain) of the third part: Whereas the said Archibald Wright is justly indebted to the said John Wright in the sum of two Hundred dollars to be paid on the 25th day of December 1824 as by bond bearing date on the 22d. day of November 1823 more fully appears which debt with the legal Interest thereon accruing the said Archibald Wright is willing and desirous to secure; Now this Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and and also for the further consideration of one dollar of lawful money of Virginia to the said Archibald Wright in hand paid by the said Charles Whilety and John H. Smith at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Archibald Wright hath given granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell to the said Charles Whilety and John H. Smith their heirs and assigns forever the following property Viz, Two beds and furniture nineteen head of hogs, four head of cattle, five head of sheep, two thousand pounds of tobacco twenty barrels of corn, fifty bushels wheat, one pot, one oven one skillet one stew pan one shove and tongs, one shovel plough one dagon plough, two axes one wedge one loom and two wheels. To have and to hold the said hereby granted or intended to be hereby granted property unto the said Charles Whilety and John H. Smith their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Charles Whilety & John H. Smith their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever, and the said Archibald Wright for himself his heirs executors administrators doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Whilety & Smith their heirs executors administrators, and assigns forever in manner and form following that is to say, that the said Archibald Wright his heirs executors and administrators the aforesaid property unto the said Whilety & Smith their heirs executors administrators and assigns against all persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. Upon Trust nevertheless that the said Whilety & Smith their heirs executors and administrators shall permit the said Archibald Wright to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the the said property and take the profits thereof to his own until default be made in payment of the said sum of two hundred dollars either in whole or in part and then upon this further Trust that they or either of them or the survivor of them or the heirs executors administrators or assigns of such survivor shall and will so soon after the happening of such default of payment as they or either of them or the survivor of them or the heirs executors administrators or assigns of such survivor may think proper or the said John Wright his executors or administrators ____ sell the said property or such part

thereof as the Trustees or their representatives hereby authorised to act shall think sufficient for the purpose and shall think proper to sell to the highest bidder for ready money at public auction after having first the time and place of sale and given one months notice thereof by advertisement at the most public places in the neighborhood and also notified the same by advertisement set up at the door of the Courthouse of Bedford County on some Court day previous to the day of sale, and out of the monies arising from such sale shall after satisfying the charges thereof and all other expenses attending the premises pay to the said John Wright his heirs executors administrators or assigns the said sum of two hundred dollars with the Interest which which may thereon lawfully have accrued and the balance if any shall pay to the said Archibald Wright his executors administrators or assigns. But if the whole of the sum of two Hundred dollars shall be fully paid off and discharged to the said John Wright his executors administrators or assigns on or before the said 25" of December 1824 when the same is payable so that no default be made in the payment of the sum of two hundred dollars then this Indenture to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue. In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Archibald Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24" day of November 1823 This Trust Deed between Archibald Wright of the first part, John H Smith & Charles Whitely of the second part and John Wright of the third part was acknowledged by the said Archibald Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ja Steptoe C.B.C"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on April 12:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 12	Archd Wright				

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on March 24:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
March 24	Archd Wright				

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Archibald Wright with the following household on April 24:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c
April 24	Archd Wright	1			

Amot of Tax $ Cts

On November 4, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/61 William S. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Archibald Wright:

> "On the mo. of Wm S. Wright certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of admr on the Estate of Archibald Wright Dec who made oath & gave bond & Secy accg to Law"

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List in conjunction with Court Order Book 21/61 indicate that Archibald Wright died between April 24 and November 4, 1826.

On November 30, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia County Court Order Book 21/62 appraisers were appointed for the estate of Archibald Wright:

> "Ord. that John Wright Matthew Pate & Elias James & Nathl Newsom or any three do appraise the Estate of Archd Wright Dec & report to Court"

On December 11, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Archibald Wright and John Wright to answer the complaint of Ammon Hancock and Henry Brown, Jr., for payment of a debt of $134.34. The notes on the summons indicated that both John Wright and Archibald Wright were then deceased:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting we command you as at another time you were commanded to take Archibald Wright and John Wright if they be found within your bailiwick & them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the 4th monday in March next to anwer Ammon Hancock and Henry Brown Jr merchants & partners trading under the style & firm of Hancock & Brown who are assees of Littlebury C. Williamson who was assee of John St. Clair of a plea of Debt for One hundred and thirty four Dollars and thirty four cents Damage Twenty Dollars And have then there this writ Witness James C. Steptoe clerk of our said Court this 11" day of Decr 1826 In the 31" Year of our Independence

J C Steptoe

Hancock & B)
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v)
Wrights)

Debt to recover money due by penal bill bail reqd

Dabney PQ

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N A Garland DS
for Jas Otey SBC

1831 June rules Dismd"

The Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of Archibald Wright was dated December 12, 1826, and recorded on February 26, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/381. The total value of the appraised property was $90.92:

"The appraisement of Archd Wright, deceased

1 bed and furniture $10 - 1 Do Do $9	$19.00	
1 flax wheel $1.50 - one cotton wheel $2	3.50	
1 dish and seven plates	.62	23.12
5 cups & saucers 18 cts 2 small bowls, one pitcher 25 cts	.43	
2 small trunks $3.75 - one pot and hooks $1.25	5.00	
1 oven 9/ - one skillet and lid 4/6	2.25	
1 brass kettle $1 - one churn 3/	1.50	9.18
1 coffee pot 1/6 - one table 4/6 - 4 chairs 7/6 - 1 piggin 1/6	2.50	

1 fire shovel & pan handle	.50	
1 cow, no horns, $9 - 1 Ditto $8 - 1 dagon plow $3-	20.00	
1 coutler and stock $1 - one loom $4	5.00	
1 iron wedge & clevis 50 cts one axe 6/ flesh fork 1/6	1.75	29.75
1/2 dozen table spoons $25 cts 5 knives & 5 forks 75 cts	1.00	
2 pr harnes & 1 pr. drawing chains	2.50	
Irons of a swingletree 12 cts 1 horse collar & bridle blind $1	1.12	
3 chain halters 75 cts 1 claw hammer & 1 shoe hammer 50 cts	1.25	
1 mans saddle 25 cts 1 sow & pigs $3.50		
3 head sheep $4 1 tub 5 cents	8.25	14.12
5 barrels corn @ 12/ $10 a lot of plank from report $2.25	12.25	
1 old cupboard 75 cts 1 scythe & cradle $1.50		
1 killing hoe 25 cts	2.50	14.75
		$90.92

We have this day, agreeably to an order of the county Court of Bedford, appraised the property included in the above Inventory to the best of our judgments. Given under our hands, this 12th day of Decemr 1826

John Wright
Nathl. Newsom
Elias James

I hereby certify that the above appraisers were duly qualified. Given under my hand this 12th day of December 1825

Matthew Pate J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford county at the courthouse Feby 26th 1827 The preceeding Inventory & appraisement of the estate of Archald. Wright, deceased, was returned to Court & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

A list of sales of estate assets made on December 12, 1826, was recorded on March 28, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/387. The total sale proceeds amounted to $74.75 and among the purchasers were Elizabeth Wright, Solomon Wright, Anthony Wright, Francis W. Franklin, and William S. Wright:

"Sale bill of the estate of Archd. Wright deceased on the 12th day of December 1816

Elizabeth Wright Dr To one bed & furniture	$4.00	
" " To 1 trunk 50 cts one Ditto 50 cents	1.00	
" " one bed & furniture $4. one bedstead 57 cents	4.51	
" " one flax wheel $1 - one cotton wheel $1	2.00	
" " five plates 13 cts 2 bowls, cups & saucers 25 cts	.38	
" " 4 chairs 25 cts lot of knives & forks 25 cts	.50	
" " 6 spoons 5 cts one oven and lid 57 cts	.73	
" " one coffee pot 6-1/2 cts shovel & pan handle 12-1/2 cts	.19	
" " one mewly cow	4.53	17.84
Elias James Dr to 1 dish and two plates	.25	
" " one pot & hooks 1.21 - one mans saddle 13 cts	1.34	1.59
Solomon Wright Dr to 1 table 30 cts - 1 skillet & lid 74 cts		1.04
Nat. Newsom Dr. to piggin 25 cts - 1 brass kettle $2.05		2.30
James Burton Dr to one horse collar & hames		.62
Isaac James Dr. to 1 shoe hammer & clevis	.56½	
1 loom $3.25 - irons on swingletree 15 cts	3.40	3.96½
Anthony Wright Dr to 1 churn 25 cts one tub 65 cents		.90
James E. Bowles Dr to 1 axe & flesh fork 1.82		
3 halter chains 1.86 one hoe 27 cents		3.95
Matthew Pate Dr to 1 blind bridle 64 cts 1 dagon plough $4.05	4.69	
to 1 coulter & stock 1.25 - 3 head of sheep 3.90	5.15	9.84
John Anderson Dr to 1 saw & pigs $4.04½ - 1 cow $8		12.04½
Francis W. Franklin Dr. to 1 lot of plank $2.50		
1 old cupboard $1		3.50
William S. Wright Dr to one claw hammer and wedge	.77	
" " one pr chains $2.50 1 scythe & cradle $1.51	4.01	
" " 2½ barrels corn @ 2.61	6.52	
" " 1 lot of corn @ 2.56 $5.12 - 1 lot of plank 75 cts	5.87	17.57
		74.75

William S. Wright,
Administrator

At a court held for Bedford county, at the courthouse March 28th 1827. The preceeding list of Sales of the estate of Archabald Wright deceased, was returned to court, and ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	Elizabeth Wright	2			

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		.94

On about September 26, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Ammon Hancock and Henry Brown, Jr., filed their complaint against Benjamin Wright, as administrator of the estate of John Wright for payment of a debt of $134.34 due from John Wright and Archibald Wright:

"Bedford County to wit,

Ammon Hancock, and Henry Brown jr merchants, and partners trading under the style, and firm of Hancock & Brown, who are assignees of Littlebury C. Williamson, who was assignee of John St. Clair, complain of Benjamin Wright administrator of John Wright deceased in custody &c of a plea that he render unto them the sum of One Hundred, and thirty four dollars, and Ninety four Cents, which from them he unjustly detains. For that a Certain Archibald Wright, and the said John Wright, in the life time of the said John Wright, to wit, on the 3d day of June 1822 at the County aforesaid, by their certain bill penal sealed with their seals, and no where to this Court shewn, the Date whereof is the same day, and year aforesaid, on demand promised to pay to the said John St. Clair (by the name, and style of "John Sinclair") the just sum of Sixty Seven dollars, and seventeen Cents for value received; and for the true payment thereof, they, the said Archibald Wright, and John Wright, thereby bound themselves, their Heirs &c. in the penal sum of One Hundred and thirty four dollars, and thirty four Cents - which said bill penal the said John St. Clair (by the name and style of "John Cinclair") afterwards, in the life time of the said John Wright, and before the payment of the said sums of money in the Said bill penal specified, or either of them, or any part thereof, to wit, on the 17th day of april 1826 at the County aforesaid, by an endorsement thereon in writing, his own proper hand being

thereto subscribed, assigned to the said Littlebury C. Williamson (by the name, and style of "L. B. C. Wmsson";) who afterwards in the life time of the said John Wright, and before the payment of the said Sums of money in the Said bill penal specified, or either of them, or any part thereof, to wit, on the 21st day of September 1826 at the County aforesaid, by an indorsement thereon in writing, his own proper hand being thereto subscribed, assigned the said bill penal to the said plaintiffs - of which said several assignments the said John Wright and the said Archibald Wright in the life time of the said John Wright, at the said several times, and places of the making of the said assignments as aforesaid had notice respectively and the plaintiffs aver, that the said Archibald Wright, and John Wright did not, nor did either of them in the life time of the said John Wright (altho' often thereto requested) pay to the plaintiffs the said sums of money in the said bill penal specified, or either of them, or any part thereof, nor have the said Archibald Wright, and the said defendant, nor hath either of them since the death of the said John Wright (altho' often thereto requested) paid to the plaintiffs the said sums of money in the said bill penal specified, or either of them, or any part thereof - By means whereof an action hath accrued to the plaintiffs to demand and have of the said defendant the said penal sum of One Hundred, and thirty four dollars, and thirty four Cents - Yet the said defendant (altho' often thereto requested) the said sum of money last-named or any part thereof to the plaintiffs hath not paid, but the same to pay, hath hitherto refused, and still doth refuse to the damage of the plaintiffs $20. and therefore they sue.

C. Dabney pq"

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list an Elizabeth Wright.

In August 1828 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/107 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of the estate of Archibald Wright:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate, Elias James, John Wright & James E Bowles or any three being first sworn do Settle the account Current of Archibald Wright Decd. with his admr and report to court"

In February 1829 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/211 an account of the estate of Archibald Wright was filed:

"An a/c Current of the estate of Archibald Wright with the admr. produced in court and ordered to lie until the next term for exceptions"

On February 23, 1829, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/160 William S. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of Archibald Wright:

"William S. Wright's Adms
In a/c Current with the Estate of Archibald Wright Dc

Dr

1826	to Amt of Sale Bill		$74.75¾

Cr

1826			
	By Sheriff recpt	$1.52	
	" Clerks Tickets	.70	
1827	" do do	1.75	
Feby	" do do	.87	
1826			
12th Decr	" Elias James as autioneer & appraiser	1.59	
	" Nathaniel Nauson Apr	1.00	
1828			
23 June	John Wright Apr	1.00	
	By Cash paid Wm Cook		
	attorney for Morriss & Jones	50.00	
	By Servises as admrx	6.00	$24.43
			10.31¾
	By Cash Paid John Wright James E Bowles)		
	& Elias James as Coms in Settling This A/C)		3.00
	Blns Due		$7.31¾

Agreeable to an order of Bedford August Court

We have Settled this A/C Current of The Estate of Archibald Wright Decd with this Admrx as above stated Given under Our hands This 18th day of October 1828

John Wright
Elias James
James E. Bowles

At a Court held for Bedford County at the courthouse thereof February 23rd 1829

This settlement of the account current of the Estate of Archibald Wright Decd with his Admrs was returned to court and continued for exceptions and afterwards To Wit. At a court held for said County April 27th 1829 the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The Division and Allotment of the estate of 1826 John Wright dated February 15, 1830, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/297 listed Archibald Wright's heirs as distributees:

"Dr. To Blnd due Estate
Settled by Commissioners
on the 19th day of
Decr. 1829 $474.11
. . . .

Dr
To advancements made 12.25 83.07 due from Admr.
Archibald Wrights Heirs &c 95.32
. . . ."

In August 1834 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/328 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of William S. Wright for the estate of Archibald Wright:

"Ordered that Elias James and John Wright or any one of them being first sworn state and settle the account current of the estate of Archibald Wright Deceased with his administrator William S. Wright and report to Court."

On September 28, 1835, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 9/89 September 28, 1835, the account of William S. Wright as administrator of the estate of Archibald Wright, was filed:

"William S. Wright in Acct. Current With the Estate of Archibald Wright Decd

Dr.			
1828			$ Cts
Oct 19	To Ballance due on Settlement by former Commissioners		$10.32½
	To Cash Receved of Benjamin Wright admrs of John Wright Decd. (it being deceased's portion of the effects of his Father landed Estate & personal		
1831			
June 27	To Cash	$40.00	
1833			
Sept 25	To Cash	27.75	$67.75
			78.07½

Cr.			
1828			
Agst	By Cash Clk of Bedford Amt. his ticket	.44	
1829			
Feby	By do do do do	1.31	
March	By do do for Recording a/c Current	1.75	
1826	By do do of the General Court	.18	
1831			
June 27	By Cash paid Wm. Cook for Chas Whiteley S.P. of Wm. & C. Whitely	35.00	
1828			
Oct 19	By Cash paid John Wright James E. Bowles & Elias James as Commissioners to Settle acct. Current	3.00	
Oct. 20	By paid amt John Pates Exr.	5.99	
	By amt. paid E. James for Settling this a/c	1.00	
	By Commission On $78. at 5 p Ct.	3.90	$52.57
1834			
Oct.	By Amt. due Estate		25.50½
			78.07½

Agree able to an order of Bedford County Court to me & others directed have proceed to settle the a/c current of the Estate of Archibald Wright Decd with his admrs as above stated given under my Hand this 28th day of Sept 1835

Elias James

At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of September 1835. This settlement of the account current of the estate of Archibald Wright Deceased with William S. Wright his administrator was returned to Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And thereafter to wit. At a Court held for said County the 26th day of October 1835, No exceptions having been taken to said account the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.BC"

The reference to a cash payment received from Benjamin Wright, administrator of the estate of John Wright, deceased, as Archibald Wright's share of his father's estate clearly identifies 1826 Archibald Wright as the son of 1826 John Wright of Bedford County.

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elisebeth Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Elisebeth Wright	1	15-20	1	30-40
			1	15-20
			1	10-15

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in						
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
4		1				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Wright was born between 1800 and 1810.

On January 25, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/103 dated January 25, 1841, Anthony Wright, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth granted to Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Anthony Wright, Sr., and widow of Arche Wright, and to Anthony P. Wright, son of said Elizabeth Wright, 60 acres of land in Bedford County:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of January 1841 between Anthony Wright Sen. of one part & Elizabeth Wright widow and relic of Arche Wright deceased (and daughter of said Anthony Wright Sen.) and Anthony Wright, Jr., son of said Elizabeth Wright of the other part, all of the County of Bedford Witnesseth that for the love and affection which the said Anthony Wright Sen. bears to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. and for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid by the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright Sen. who has given and hereby conveys, transfers, and delivers to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, adjoining the land of Phebe Wright, William Anderson, Couters, James Payne and others, containing by estimation about Sixty acres more or less the land hereby given and conveyed being comprehended between the County of the individuals before mentioned and a blazed line made by the said Anthony Wright Ser. commencing in Matthew Pates line on a pine and running nearly a north course (though not a straight line,) passing through the old field adjoining the plantation on which George Wheeler now lives and stricking Phebe Wrights line on a white oak which is hereby made a corner. To have and to hold the aforesaid land contained within the boundaries before mentioned and supposed to be about Sixty acres, more or less with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. their heirs executors, admr or assignes. The said Anthony Wright Sen. doth covenant and

agree for himself and his heirs to warrant and forever defend the right and title of said land described as aforesaid free from the claim of all persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the said Anthony Wright Sen. has set his hand and seal the date herein before written.

Teste
Edmd. Pate
William H. Anderson
Joel Basham

Anthony Wright Sr.
her
Elizabeth X Wright wife
mark
of Anthony Wright Sen.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of May 1841.

This deed from Anthony Wright Sen. to Elizabeth Wright & Anthony Wright Jr. was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Edmund Pate one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at a Court held for said County the 29 day of June 1841, the said deed was further proved by the oath of William H. Anderson and Joel Basham the other subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

After the death of her first husband, Elizabeth (Wright) Wright moved back to her father's residence. The deposition of William Anderson dated May 1, 1853, in Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682, provided as follows:

"Ques. by S. A. Claytor's counsel. Were you acquainted with Archibald Wright in his lifetime: - if so say when he died:

Ans. I was well acquainted with him - and think we has been dead more than twenty years -

2- By the same - Do you know where his widow and children lived after his death:

Ans. They lived with Anthony Wright for several years after the death of Archibald Wright. I do not know how long. They lived in the house with Anthony Wright for several years & then moved to a house built for them by him on his land - where they lived until they went to the place where they now live.

3- By the same. Had they any means of support except what they got from Anthony Wright

Ans. None that I know of."

Similarly, the deposition of Francis W. Franklin dated May 12, 1853, in the same File 682 provided as follows:

"Ques. by counsel of S. A. Claytor, Joel Wright Are you acquainted with Anthony P. Wright: State if you know his age:

Ans. I am acquainted with him, having married his father's sister and lived near to him - Anthony P. Wright was born on the 3d day of June 1821 - I am the more certain of his age from the age of one of my own sons. As there is about 18 months difference in their ages -

By the same - Was you acquainted with Archibald Wright, the father of Anthony P. Wright: if so say what were his circumstances at the time of his death -

Ans. - He was very poor - and if his widow had not been helped by her father, or some other person, she must have suffered -

In about 1841 or 1842 Elizabeth (Wright) Wright moved to another house given to her by her father. The deposition of John J. Dent dated May 1, 1853, in the same case provided as follows:

"Ques. by _____? Counsel. Do you know or not of Elizabeth Ramsey receiving (?) any of the estate of Anthony Wright dec in his lifetime:

Ans. About the year 1841-1842, Elizabeth Ramsey then Elizabeth Wright moved from the house of Anthony Wright dec her father to a place given to her by the old man - and she brought with her about 25 wagons loads of corn and the such - about 25 or 21 bushels of wheat - 2 cows and calfes, a good stock of hogs - and bacon a plenty - These things came from her father's plantation"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on March 8:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Mch 8	Elizabeth Wright		1	1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.52½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Eliza & Anthony Wright		60	On Bever Dam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.00		240.00	.30	of A Wright

This record reflects the transfer of 60 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 29/103.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following household on April 14:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
Apl 14	Elizabeth Wright		1	1	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr		60	On Bever Dam

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW				.36	

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list an Elizabeth Wright.

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum on the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings		Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.00		242.00	.30	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ___ especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held In fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

Elizabeth (Wright) Wright remarried after the death of her first husband. The marriage bond of Elizabeth Wright and Robert C. Ramsey was dated on September 23, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"To th Clerk of the County Court of bedford this is to certify that I Elizabeth Wright am of age & ar willing to marry Robert C Ramsey at any time he may set given under my hand this the 9th Sept 1847

Test
John D Pate

Elizabeth hir X mark Wright

Know all men by these Presents - That we, Robert C. Ramsey and John D. Pate are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 20th day of September 1847.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth Wright of Bedford County Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c,
in presence of"

Robert C Ramsey

On September 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/344 Elizabeth Wright transferred her property to William Gish in trust to preserve its separate character:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 29th day of September 1847 between Elizabeth Wright of one part & William Gish of other part both of County of Bedford Witnesseth that whereas the said Elizabeth Wright is under an engagement and intends to marry Robert Ramsey. Now for the purpose of securing her property so that she will have the benefit of it her life time and to prevent the said Ramsey from disposing of it or appropriating it or any part of it to the payment of any debts which he may now owe or may hereafter contract during her life time, the said Elizabeth Wright in consideration of the premises & for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold & by these presents do grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said William Gish the following property to Wit, a tract of land upon which she now lives lying and being in the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of Matthew Pate Pate George Wheeler & others containing sixty acres more or less it being land conveyed by Anthony Wright sen. to the said Elizabeth Wright & Anthony P Wright - also a sorrel mare - To have and to hold the said tract of land and sorrel mare unto the said William Gish his heirs Executors admr, and assigns, the said Elizabeth Wright for herself & her heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said William Gish to forever warrant and defend the right & title free from the claim of all persons whatsoever. But upon trust for the object and purposes before mentioned.

In witness whereof the said Elizabeth Wright has hereunto set his hand and seal the date first above written

Test
Edmd Pate
Christopher Preston
William H Pate

Elizabeth her X mark Wright

Memorandum. The within mentioned Elizabeth Wright intended in the foregoing deed so to provide that at her death the property herein conveyed should inure to the benefit of Robert Ramsey her intended husband, but this provision was omitted in the body of the foregoing indenture. Now therefore the said Elizabeth Wright hereby provides and directs that the said property conveyed by this deed shall at her death be the property of said Robert Ramsey to use & dispose of as he thinks proper as witness her hand & seal this 29th of September 1847

Test
Edmd Pate

Elizabeth her X mark Wright

Bedford Clerks office October 28th 1847

This marriage agreement between Elizabeth Wright and Robert Ramsey was produced in the office & proved by the oath of William H Pate a subscribing Witness thereto ____ on the 24" day of August 1848. The same was produced in the office & was further proved by the oath of Edmund Pate another subscribing witness thereto and admitted to record.

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C"

On September 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/38 Elizabeth Wright purchased Anthony P. Wright's interest in the 60 acres of land transferred to them by Bedford County Deed 29/103:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 29th day September 1847 between Anthony P Wright of one part & Elizabeth Wright of the other part both of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia Witnesseth that whereas the said Anthony P Wright has this day sold to the said Elizabeth Wright his interest in a certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford Now this indenture witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Anthony P Wright who has bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell & confirm unto the said Elizabeth Wright his aforesaid interest in and to the said tract of land lying in the said county of Bedford and adjoining the lands of Matthew Pate George Wheeler & others containing by estimate sixty acres more or less & which said land was conveyed to the said Anthony P Wright & Elizabeth Wright by Anthony Wright Senr. To have and to hold the said interest to the land aforesaid he the said Anthony P Wright for himself & his heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said Elizabeth Wright her heirs admrs & assigns to warrant and forever defend the right & title of said interest free from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Anthony P Wright has set his hand & seal the day and year first above written

Test
Edmd Pate
Christopher Preston
Wm H Pate

Anthony P Wright

In Bedford County Court November the 23 1847

This deed from Anthony P Wright to Elizabeth Wright conveying real estate was produced in court and proved by the oath of William H Pate a subscribing witness thereto. And at a Court held for said county February the 28" 1848 the

same was produced in court and proved by the oath of Christopher Preston a subscribing witness thereto. And the same was produced in the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 24 of August 1848 and further proved by the oath of Edmund Pate the other subscribing witness thereto and admitted to record.

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

On September 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/39 Elizabeth Wright executed a deed of trust to William Gish to secure Anthony P. Wright as to the purchase price of the property purchased in Deed 34/38:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 29" of Sept 1847 between Elizabeth Wright of the first part William Gish of the second part & Anthony P Wright of the third & last part all of the county of Bedford Witnesseth that the said Elizabeth Wright is justly indebted to the said Anthony P. Wright in the sum of three hundred dollars due by bonds bearing even date with these presents and payable as follows to Wit One bond payable on the 29th of September 1848 for one hundred dollars, to bear interest from the date one other bond due on the 29" Sept 1849 for one hundred dollars & one other bond due on the 29" Sept 1850 for one hundred dollars more And whereas the said Elizabeth Wright in order to secure the said Anthony Wright in the premises and for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Elizabeth Wright who has bargained & sold & by these presents do bargain & sell & confirm unto William Gish his heirs executors admrs & assigns one certain tract of land lying in the county of Bedford adjoining the lands of Matthew Pate George Wheeler & others and containing by estimate sixty acres more or less it being the land conveyed by Anthony Wright senr the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony P Wright whose interest of one half of said land he has this day sold & conveyed to the said Elizabeth Wright. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land with all the privileges & appurtenances belonging to the same unto the said William Gish his heirs & the said Elizabeth Wright for herself and her heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said William Gish his heirs &c to forever warrant and defend free from the claim or claims of all persons whomsoever But upon trust subject to the following conditions, that is to say that should the said Elizabeth Wright fail to ay & discharge the several bonds herein before mentioned on or before the 29 day of September 1850 the period at which the last bond becomes due then the said William Gish being directed to do so by the said Anthony P Wright shall proceed to sell the said land hereby conveyed in trust to the highest bidder for cash having previously advertised the time and place of such sale at least thirty days previous to the sale at three of the most publick places in the County of Bedford & Franklin. And out of the money arising from such sale first satisfy & pay all charges attending the execution & carrying into effect this trust deed and then

pay to the said Anthony P. Wright the amount of the three bonds & interest on the same and the balance of the money if any to be paid to the said Elizabeth Wright or to her order or her heirs or assigns. But should the said Elizabeth Wright pay & discharge the full amount of the bonds aforesaid with the interest upon the same on or before the 29" day of Septr. 1850 then this Indenture to be void & of no effect.

In witness whereof the said Elizabeth Wright hath hereunto set her(?) hand & seal the date first above written The words "by the said Anthony P Wright" interlined in the 8" line on the 2d page was done before signed Also the word "End" on the 9th line on same page

Test
Edwd Pate
Christopher Preston
William H Pate

Elizabeth her X mark Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County November the 22nd 1848

This deed of trust from Elizabeth Wright to William Gish trustee for the benefit of Anthony P Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court & proved by the oath of William H Pate a subscribing witness thereto And at a court held for said county the 28" day of February 1848 the said deed was again produced in court & proved by the oath of Christopher Preston another subscribing witness thereto and said deed was produced in the Clerks office of the county court of said county on the 24 of August 1848 and further proved by the oath of Edmund Pate the other subscribing witness thereto and said deed was admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

Marriage Notices from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1837-1860 stated that on October 11, 1847, The Lynchburg Virginian published the following marriage notice for Elizabeth Wright and Robert C. Ramsey:

"Ramsey, Robert C., married Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, dau. of ?? ??, on 09/30/1847. Groom of Franklin Co. Bride of Franklin Co. The Lynchburg Virginian, 10/11/1847, p.3, c.2."

On October 28, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/469 a marriage contract between Elizabeth Wright and Robert Ramsey was proved by the oath of William H. Pate:

"A marriage agreement between Elizabeth Wright and Robert Ramsey produced in the Office and proved by the oath of William H. Pate a subscribing witness thereto."

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held In fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Elizabeth Wright	Bedford	fee	60	Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	from Anthony P. Wright

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Ramsey with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Robert C. Ramsey	25	M		Farmer	$300
Elizabeth Ramsey	45	F			
Joseph Right	65	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey was born in about 1805 and that Robert P. Ramsey was born in about 1825.

In the account by Anthony P. Wright of the estate of Anthony Wright dated May 1853 and recorded April 11, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. A/158, R. C. Ramsey was listed as among the distributees receiving a payment.

On March 31, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/330 Elizabeth Ramsey and Robert C. Ramsey sold 30 acres of land to Anthony P. Wright:

> "This deed made this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty five between Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife of the first part and Anthony P Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars the said Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife do grant unto the said Anthony P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford bounded as follows commencing at cutlers corner pine running with Cutlers line to a corner pine at the foot of flinty hill thence SE with Pate's line to a corner pine thence with Wheelers line to the road thence up said road opposite the mansion house of the said Robert E. Ramseys home to corner rock thence sent along to a corner rock thence North down the fence to a corner pine thence a strait line to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less The said Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife covenant with the said Anthony P Wright that they have the right to convey the said land to the said Anthony P Wright that the said Anthony P Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance and that the said Robert C Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife will execute such further apernances of the said land as may be requisite
>
> Witness the following signatures & seals
>
> Robert C Ramsey
> Elizabeth Ramsey
>
> Virginia - Bedford County to wit
>
> I Washington Howell a Notary public for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Robert C Ramsey whose name is Signed to the writing within bairing date the 31st day of March 1855 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid I do further certify that Elizabeth Ramsey the wife of Robert C Ramsey party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after having the deed fully explained to hir seprate and apart from hir husband acknowledged the same to be hir act and deed and willingly Signed Sealed and

delivered the same before me in my County aforesaid Giving under my hand this 31st day of March 1855.

Washington Howell N.P.

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court April 2nd 1855,

This deed from Robert C Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife to Anthony P Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificate of acknowledgement and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert C. Ramsey with the following household on July 2, 1860, at Davis Mill:

Name	Age	Born
Robert C. Ramsey	35	Virginia
E. Ramsey	58	Virginia

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey was born in about 1802 and that Robert C. Ramsey was born in about 1825.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Ramsey in the Anthony P. Wright household, her age as 64, and owning $300 of real property.

On January 22, 1877, at Pension File WC 6953 for William S. Wright for service in the War of 1812 Elizabeth Ramsey executed a declaration stating that she was present at her sister Rhoda Wright's wedding to William S. Wright in 1812:

"I hereby Certify that I was present and witnessed the Marriage Ceremony between my Sister Rhoda Wright and William S. Wright which was performed at my fathers house in the County of Bedford State of Virginia in the year 1812.
Elizabeth Ramsey

Witness Thomas A. Jeter Jr."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Wright in the household of her grand son-in-law Daniel J. Martin:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Daniel J. Martin	W	M	26		
Lynch V. Martin	W	F	24		Wife
Mary B. Martin	W	F	2		Daughter
Charlie A. Martin	W	M	11/12	June	Son
Elizabeth Wright	W	F	76		G M in Law
Ephraim Wright	B	M	60		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S				
S				
W				
W				Deaf

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
	1	1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Elizabeth Wright was born in about 1804.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and 1826 Archibald Wright of Bedford County were the following:

1) Anthony P. Wright, born on June 3, 1821, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary Ann (Wright) Feathers, born about 1824 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

the child of Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and _____ _____ was the following:

1) Harriet Elizabeth (Wright) Bandy, born about 1829 or 1830 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. 1890 Anthony P. Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Parmelia (Huddleston) Wright, And His Descendants

1890 Anthony P. Wright of Bedford County was a son of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and 1826 Archibald Wright of Bedford County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Elizabeth[4])

On January 25, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/103 Anthony Wright, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth granted to Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Anthony Wright, Sr., and widow of Arche Wright, and to Anthony P. Wright, son of said Elizabeth Wright, 60 acres of land in Bedford County:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of January 1841 between Anthony Wright Sen. of one part & Elizabeth Wright widow and relic of Arche Wright deceased (and daughter of said Anthony Wright Sen.) and Anthony Wright, Jr., son of said Elizabeth Wright of the other part, all of the County of Bedford Witnesseth that for the love and affection which the said Anthony Wright Sen. bears to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. and for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid by the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright Sen. who has given and hereby conveys, transfers, and delivers to the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford, adjoining the land of Phebe Wright, William Anderson, Couters, James Payne and others, containing by estimation about Sixty acres more or less the land hereby given and conveyed being comprehended between the County of the individuals before mentioned and a blazed line made by the said Anthony Wright Ser. commencing in Matthew Pates line on a pine and running nearly a north course (though not a straight line,) passing through the old field adjoining the plantation on which George Wheeler now lives and stricking Phebe Wrights line on a white oak which is hereby made a corner. To have and to hold the aforesaid land contained within the boundaries before mentioned and supposed to be about Sixty acres, more or less with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Elizabeth Wright and Anthony Wright Jr. their heirs executors, admr or assignes. The said Anthony Wright Sen. doth covenant and

agree for himself and his heirs to warrant and forever defend the right and title of said land described as aforesaid free from the claim of all persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the said Anthony Wright Sen. has set his hand and seal the date herein before written.

Teste
Edmd. Pate
William H. Anderson
Joel Basham

Anthony Wright Sr.
her
Elizabeth X Wright wife
mark
of Anthony Wright Sen.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of May 1841.

This deed from Anthony Wright Sen. to Elizabeth Wright & Anthony Wright Jr. was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Edmund Pate one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at a Court held for said County the 29 day of June 1841, the said deed was further proved by the oath of William H. Anderson and Joel Basham the other subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
3rd	Anthony P. Wright	1		2

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
	.25	

This record indicates that Anthony P. Wright was probably born before 1826.

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P Wright with the following household on May 12:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
May 12	Anthony P Wright	1		2

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.77½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Eliza & Anthony Wright		60	On Bever Dam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	4.00		240.00	.30	of A Wright

This record reflects the gift of 60 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 29/103.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P Wright with the following household:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
	Anthony P Wright	1		3	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr		60	On Bever Dam

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW				.36	

In May 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/139 Anthony Wright, Jr., was appointed surveyor of a road:

> "Ordered that Anthony Wright Junr. be appointed surveyor of the road lately established on the petition of Edmund Pate, and that Joel Wright, James Wright, Thomas Bandy and William Gish, or any three of them, allot hands to the said surveyor to assist him in keeping said road in good repair. And that they make report of such allotment to the Court."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household on March 20:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
Mch 20	Anthony P. Wright	1	1	3	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	
					1	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

Total amount of Tax	
Dollars	Cents
1	03(?)

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ _ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	____	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 SW	4.00		242.00	.30	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P. Wright	1		1	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.75

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, ____ ____ _____
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the __ especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

In July 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/7 an allotment of hands to Anthony P. Wright to repair a road was filed:

> "An allotment of hands to Elijah Howell and Anthony P. Wright Surveyors of roads - returned and confirmed."

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P. Wright	1	2	2	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.07

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright Jr with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P. Wright	1	2	2	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and sur-geons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase includ-ing interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.07

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

On September 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/38 Anthony P. Wright sold his interest in 60 acres of land to Elizabeth Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 29th day September 1847 between Anthony P Wright of one part & Elizabeth Wright of the other part both of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia Witnesseth that whereas the said Anthony P Wright has this day sold to the said Elizabeth Wright his interest in a certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford Now this indenture witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Anthony P Wright who has bargained & sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell & confirm unto the said Elizabeth Wright his aforesaid interest in and to the said tract of land lying in the said county of Bedford and adjoining the lands of Matthew Pate George Wheeler & others containing by estimate sixty acres more or less & which said land was conveyed to the said Anthony P Wright & Elizabeth Wright by Anthony Wright Senr. To have and to hold the said interest to the land aforesaid he the said Anthony P Wright for himself & his heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said Elizabeth Wright her heirs admrs & assigns to warrant and forever defend the right & title of said interest free from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Anthony P Wright has set his hand & seal the day and year first above written

Test Anthony P Wright
Edmd Pate
Christopher Preston
Wm H Pate

In Bedford County Court November the 23 1847

This deed from Anthony P Wright to Elizabeth Wright conveying real estate was produced in court and proved by the oath of William H Pate a subscribing witness thereto. And at a Court held for said county February the 28" 1848 the same was produced in court and proved by the oath of Christopher Preston a subscribing witness thereto. And the same was produced in the Clerks office of

Bedford County Court the 24 of August 1848 and further proved by the oath of Edmund Pate the other subscribing witness thereto and admitted to record.

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

The marriage bond of Anthony P. Wright and Parmelia Huddleston, daughter of Martha, was dated on November 8, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Thomas L. Bandy as surety and the marriage on December 7, 1847:

"Mr John Steptoe you are here by authorized to let Anthony P Wright have licens to mary my daughter Pamelia Huddleston to the Clerk of bedford county

Test
Thomas L Bandy J.L.C.
Samuel W Bandy
Richard B Feathers

Martha Hudleston
November 8 1847

Know all men by these presents, That we Anthony P Wright and Thomas L. Bandy are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our heirs and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 8th day of November 1847.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Anthony P Wright and Permelia Huddleston daughter of Martha Huddleston Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c,
in presence of

Anthony P Wright
Thomas L Bandy"

Marriage Notices from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1837-1860 stated that The Lynchburg Virginian published the following marriage notice for Anthony P. Wright and Permelia Huddleston:

"Wright, Anthony P., married Permelia Huddleson, dau. of Henry Huddleson, dec'd., on 12/07/1847. Groom of ??. Bride of ??. The Lynchburg Virginian, 12/16/1847, p.3, c.2."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P. Wright	1		1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.42

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza & Anthony Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Eliza & Anthony Wright	Bedford	fee	60	On Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	4.00		240.00	.24	

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P. Wright	1	1	1	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.52

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Anthony P Wright	1		2	3	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents

1.16

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household on November 20, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Anthony P. Right	30	M		Farmer	
Permelia Right	28	F			
Martha E. Right	2	F			
Archer H. Right	1	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Anthony P. Wright was born in about 1820 and that Parmelia (Huddleston) was born in about 1822.

In September 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/422 Anthony P. Wright was appointed surveyor of a road:

> "Ordered that Anthony P. Wright be appointed surveyor of the road from Jane Richardson's to the cross roads in room of Cornelius Bandy with the usual hands."

On October 24, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/177 Anthony P. Wright purchased all of the interest of Sarah Payne in the estate of her husband James Payne:

> "This Indenture made & entered into this 24 day of October 1850 Between Sarah Payne widow & relict of James Payne Decd & Anthony P Wright both of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia, Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred & twenty dollars current money of Virginia in hand paid by the said Anthony P. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Sarah Payne at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the said Sarah Payne hath granted, beargained & sold & by these presents doth grant, bargain, & sell unto him the said Anthony P. Wright his heirs & assigns all her interest in the landed estate bequeathed to her by the last Will & testament of her decd husband James Payne Decd being a life estate only (excepting) what she has already sold & conveyed & the lott occupied by Jane Richardson) situate lying & being in the county of Bedford containing ___ acres & bounded by the lands of Matthew Pate & perhaps others on the North & Stanton River on the South lying principally above the road leading to Hopkins Mill. To hve & to hold the above described tract of land together with all the apurtenances & priviledges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him, the said Anthony P Wright his heirs & assigns for & during the natural life of the said Sarah Payne free from the claim of her the said Sarah Payne & all others claiming under her & the said Sarah Payne doth hereby agree to & with the said Anthony P Wright his heirs & assigns to forever warrant & defend by these presents all her life interest in the lands aforesaid & none other. In witness whereof she hath hereunto set her hand & seal the day & year first written
>
> Signd, & sealed & delivered In presence of — Sarah her X mark Payne

Bedford County to Wit.

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid & state of Virginia do hereby certify that Sarah Payne widow of James Payne Decd. and party to a certain deed bearing date the 24 day of October 1850 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 24 day of October 1850

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County October 28 1850

This deed from Sarah Payne to Anthony P Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

On June 11, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/206 Anthony P. Wright purchased the interest of James and Louisa McCormick in the estate of James Payne:

"This Indenture made and entered into this eleventh day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty three 1853 between James McCormick and Louisa his Wife of the County of Starke and State of Indiana and Anthony P Wright of the county of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the Sum of three hundred and Sixty dollars lawful money of the United States paid in hand by the said Anthony P Wright at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the said James McCormick and Louisa his Wife, have granted, bargained and sold unto the Said Anthony P Wright all their interest right and title in and to all the landed Estate of James Payne deceased. Lying and being in the county of Bedford and State of Virginia the said land described by the last Will and Testimony of James Payne to his Daughter Louisa now Louisa McCormick and as of Record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford Virginia To have and to hold the said right interest and title in and to the Said Landed Estate as above Stated and the said James McCormick and Louisa his Wife doth acknowledge that they are Lawfully seized thereof and doth covenant and agree With the said Anthony P Wright his heirs and assigns to Warrant and defend all claims that may come against Said Interest in Said Estate by all persons or manner of persons Whatsoever forever. In testimony

Whereof the said James McCormick and Louisa his Wife have hereunto Set their hands and Seals this day and year above Written

Signed & Sealed in the presents of and acknowledged in the presents of Josiah Clawson

James C his X mark Fry

James McCormick

Louisa her X mark McCormick

State of Indiana)
Starke County) ss

Be it remembered that the Within named James McCormick and Louisa McCormick his Wife Known to me to be the person Who executed the foregoing deed came this day personally before me the undersigned Clerk of the Starke Circuit Court in and for the County of Starke and State of Indiana, and each Severally acknowledged that they and each of them did Sign Seal and deliver the Within and foregoing indenture as and for their, and each of their own act and deed. She the Said Louisa McCormick the Wife of the Said James McCormick being of full age and the full contents and purport of the Said indenture having been by me first made known to her and being by me seperate and apart from and Without the hearing of her Said husband privately examined. Upon such seperate examination She did declare and acknowledge that she Voluntarily and of her own free Will and accord, and Without any coercian or Compulsion from her husband Signed Sealed and delivered the said Indenture as her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Said Court at Knox This eleventh day of June One thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Charles Humphreys
Clerk S.C. Court

At a court held for Bedford County the 25th day of July 1853

This deed from James McCormick and Louisa McCormick his Wife to Anthony P Wright Was produced in Court together With the Certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On July 23, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/211 Anthony P. Wright and Permelia Wright sold all of their interest in the estate of James Payne to William Webb:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 23rd day of July in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three (1853) Between Anthony P Wright and Permelia his Wife and William Webb all of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and Sixty dollars lawful money of the United States paid in hand by the said William Webb at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the said Anthony P Wright and Permelia his Wife have granted bargained and sold unto the Said William Webb all their Interest right and title in & to all the the landed Estate of James Payne Deceased lying & being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia the said land being described by the last Will and testimony of James Payne Decd it being the portion Willed to Louisa his daughter. Now Louisa McCormick Which interest the said James McCormick & Louisa his Wife have conveyed to us in Starke County & State of Indiana, the Will of James Payne Decd being Recorded in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford (Va) To have and to hold the said right interest and title in and too the Said Landed Estate as above Stated and the Said Anthony P Wright and Permelia his Wife doth acknowledge that they are Lawfully Seized thereof and doth covenant and agree With the Said William Webb his heirs and assigns to Warrant and defend Interest in said estate against the claims or demands of themselves & their heirs & against the lawful Claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons claiming by through or under them. It being the intention of the said grantors to convey to the Webb such title only as is them by a deed of conveynce from James McCormick & Louisa his Wife & none other. In testimony Whereof the said Anthony P Wright and Permelia his Wife have hereunto set their hands & Seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed & acklgd
In presents of

Anthony P Wright
her
Permelia X Wright
mark

Bedford County to Wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Anthony P Wright Whose name is Signed to the Writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 23rd day of July 1853 has acknowledged the Same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 23rd day of July 1853

Isaac James Jr. J.P

State of Virginia Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and Isaac James Jr Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford do Certify that Permelia Wright the Wife of Anthony P Wright Whose names are signed to the Writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 23rd day of July 1853 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband & having the Writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Permelia Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act & declared that she had Willingly executed the same, & does not Wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 23rd day of July 1853

Jno Claytor J.P
Isaac James JP

At a court held for Bedford County the 25th day July 1853

This deed from Anthony P Wright and Permelia Wright his Wife to William Webb Was produced in Court together With the Certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On March 31, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/326 Anthony P. Wright purchased 50 acres of land from William and Sarah Anderson:

"This deed made this 31 day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five between William Anderson and Sarah his wife of the first part and Anthony P Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty two dollars the said William Anderson and Sarah his wife, do grant unto the said Anthony P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford bounded as follows beginning at Joel M Wrights line cornering on ____ thence S E to Carters corner pine thence along Carters line to a branch thence down the branch as it meanders to a new line thence North to same gullies cornering on a pine thence along Joel M Wrights line to the beginning containing 50 Acres more or less the said William Anderson covenants with the said Anthony P Wright that he hath the right to convey the said land to the said Anthony P. Wright that he hath done no act to incumber the said land that the said Anthony P Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hinderances or incumbrances and that the said William Andeson and his wife Sarah will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signatures and seals

William X Anderson
Sarah X Anderson

Virginia - Bedford County to wit,

I Washington Howell a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that William Anderson whose name is signed to the writing within bearing date the 31st day of March 1855 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. I do further certify that Sarah Anderson the wife of William Anderson a party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after having the deed fully explained to hir seperate and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1855

Washington Howell N.P.

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court April 2 1855

This deed from William Anderson and Sarah his wife to Anthony P Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificate of acknowledgment and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur"

On March 31, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/330 Anthony P. Wright purchased 30 acres of land from Elizabeth Ramsey and Robert C. Ramsey:

"This deed made this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty five between Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife of the first part and Anthony P Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars the said Robert C. Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife do grant unto the said Anthony P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford bounded as follows commencing at cutlers corner pine running with Cutlers line to a corner pine at the foot of flinty hill thence SE with Pate's line to a corner pine thence with Wheelers line to the road thence up said road opposite the mansion house of the said Robert E. Ramseys home to corner rock thence sent along to a corner rock thence North down the fence to a corner pine thence a strait line to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less The said Robert C. Ramsey and

Elizabeth his wife covenant with the said Anthony P Wright that they have the right to convey the said land to the said Anthony P Wright that the said Anthony P Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance and that the said Robert C Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey his wife will execute such further apernances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signatures & seals

Robert C Ramsey
Elizabeth Ramsey

Virginia - Bedford County to wit

I Washington Howell a Notary public for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Robert C Ramsey whose name is Signed to the writing within bairing date the 31st day of March 1855 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid I do further certify that Elizabeth Ramsey the wife of Robert C Ramsey party to this deed and whose name is hereto anext after having the deed fully explained to hir seprate and apart from hir husband acknowledged the same to be hir act and deed and willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same before me in my County aforesaid Giving under my hand this 31st day of March 1855.

Washington Howell N.P.

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court April 2nd 1855,

This deed from Robert C Ramsey and Elizabeth his wife to Anthony P Wright conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificate of acknowledgement and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On February 23, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/208 Woodson Huddleston, as attorney in fact, sold the interest of Abraham and Elizabeth Huddleston in the estate of Henry Huddleston to Anthony P. Wright:

"This deed made the twenty third day of February 1856 between Woodson Huddleston of Miami county State of Indiana Attorney in fact for Abraham Huddleston & Elizabeth his wife of the county & State aforesaid of the one part and Anthony P Wright and clemond Dickerson of Bedford county Virginia of the second part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars the said Woodson Huddleston (Attorney as aforesaid) has conveyed unto

the said Anthony P Wright and Clemond Dickerson all the right title and interest that the said Abraham Huddleston and Elizabeth his wife now has in and to the Estate of Henry Huddleston Decd of Bedford county Va both real and personal also all their Right title and interest in and to the estate both Real and personal of which Martha Huddleston widow & relict of said Henry Huddleston is now or shall hereafter be seized and possessed: And the said parties of the first part warrant the property hereby conveyed generally Witness the following seal and signature the day and year above written

Woodson his X mark Huddleston
Attorney in fact for
Abraham Huddleston &
Elizabeth Uddleston

County of Bedford to wit

I Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Woodson Huddleston whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 23d day of February 1856 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 23d day of February 1856

Isaac James Jr JP"

At a court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th February 1856

This deed from Woodson Huddleston Attorney in fact for Abraham Huddleston & Elizabeth Huddleston his wife to Anthony P Wright & Clemond Dickerson conveying an interest in both real and personal property was produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

The death record of Milly, a slave of Anthony P. Wright, was dated in September 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Milly
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Anthony P. Wright
Sex: Female
Date of Death: Sept 1856

Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Flux
Age: 55
Born: Bedford
Informant: A. P. Wright
Designation of Information: Owner"

The birth record of Leo Wright was dated on March 17, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Leo Wright
Date of Birth:	March 17, 1857
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Anthony P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Permelia Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On September 1, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/114 Anthony P. Wright purchased 108 acres of land from Phoeba Wright, Jubal J. Wright, and Emily Wright:

"This Deed made this first day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, between Phoeba Wright Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife of the one part and Anthony P. Wright of the other part Witnesseth for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred and ten dollars the said Phoeba Wright, Jubal J. Wright and Emily his wife hath sold unto the said Anthony P. Wright with general warranty a certain particular parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia, On the waters of Beaver dam Creek containing One hundred and Eight Acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows - That is Beginning at a pine stump corner to Pates old survey thence along his line S. 73-1/2 East 153 poles to an Elm stump on Beaver dam Creek. Thence up the South fork of said Creek to the mouth of a branch thence along the lines of William Anderson's survey North 58-1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 dogwoods thence North 14 W 57 poles to a black oak thence N. 17 E. 19 poles to a sassafras thence new lines made in (1823) N. 72-1/2 W. 37 poles to a dogwood then S. 59-1/2 West 12 poles to a Hickory thence South 2 W. 43 poles to a black oak thence South 26 W. 63 poles to a hickory thence South 42 West 23 poles to a white oak thence South 15-2/3 E. 35 poles to a red oak thence N. 70-3/4 East 72

poles to the beginning A lien is retained upon the land for five hundred dollars due the first day of September 1858 - Witness the following signatures and seals

Phebe Wright
Jubal J. Wright
Emoner F. Wright

Bedford County to wit

I James M. Matthews Justice of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Phebe Wright & Jubal J. Wright parties to a certain deed whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid Given under my hand this first day of September 1857

James M. Matthews J.P.

Bedford County to wit

We James M. Matthews & Peter M. Wright, Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Emily Wright wife of Jubal J. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date of the 1st day of September One thousand eight hundred & fifty seven, after having the same fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and says she wishes not to retract it - Given under our hands this 1st day of September 1857

P. M. Wright J.P.
James M. Matthews J.P.

In Bedford County Clerks Office 10th October 1858

This deed form Phebe Wright &c to Anthony P Wright conveying real Estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed A. P. Wright with the following household on June 27, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
A. P. Wright	40	M		Tobacco Manufacturer	4,000
P. Wright	39	F			
M. E. Wright	12	F			
A. H. Wright	10	M			
V. L. Wright	8	F			
F. L. Wright	5	F			
L. Wright	1	M			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
8,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record indicates that Anthony P. Wright was born in about 1820 and that Parmelia (Huddleston) Wright was born in about 1821.

The death record of A. L. Wright, a child of A. P. and Permelia Wright, was dated on October 26, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: A. L. Wright
Date of Death: October 26, 1862
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Croup
Age: 3 yrs
Names of Parents: A. P. & Permelia Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Name of Informant: A. P. Wright
Designation of Informant: Father"

The birth record of Hager, the son of Jennie Wright who was a former slave of A. P. Wright, was dated on January 8, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: Hager
Date of Birth: January 8, 1864
Color: Colored
Status: Free
Sex: Male
Born: Alive
Place of Birth: Bedford
Mother's Name: Jennie Wright
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: A P Wright
Relation of Informant: Former Master"

The birth record of Landon A. Wright, son of A. P. and Permalia Wright, was dated in April 1864 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: Landon A. Wright
Date of Birth: April 1864
Color: White
Sex: Male
Born: Alive
Place of Birth: Bedford
Father's Name: A P Wright
Father's Occupation: Tobacconist
Father's Residence: Bedford
Mother's Name: Permelia Wright
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: A P Wright
Relation of Informant: Father"

On December 14, 1865, Anthony P. Wright purchased the Dickinson Mill Tract from the Dickinson family at a public auction and gave four notes for $4675 each. A copy of one note was filed in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6082 and provided as follows:

"$4675

On the 14th day of December 1866 we promise to pay to William Dickinson Jr., John J Dickinson, Charles C. Servis, Henry C. Dickinson and John Q Dickinson the sum of Four thousand six hundred and seventy five dollars current United States funds it being the Second of four Semi- annual payments for a tract of land known as the "Dickinsons Mill Tract", containing One hundred and ninety Seven acres one Rood and thirty seven poles, more or less, purchased by the

undersigned Anthony P. Wright at auction on the 14th day of December 1865. Witness our hands and seals this the 15th day of December 1865.

A. P. Wright
Clemens Dickerson

The foregoing is a copy of a Bond upon which payment was rendered at the April Term 1867 of the Circuit Court of Bedford County in favour of the Obligees against the obligors

Teste
R. D. Buford Clk"

On May 10, 1867, a judgment was obtained by the Dickinson family against Anthony P. Wright on one of the notes for $4675 and on November 15, 1867, the sheriff sold portions of Anthony P. Wright's personal property in satisfaction of the judgment. A copy of that judgment was in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6082:

"At Bedford Circuit Court May 10th 1867 William Dickinson Jr John J Dickinson Charles C. Servis, Henry C Dickinson and John Q Dickinson

	Plaintiffs	)
against		) In debt
Anthony P. Wright and Clemens Dickerson	Defts	)

Judgment for Plaintiffs against the Defendants for $4675.00, debt, with interest thereon to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 14th of December 1866 until payment and $8.13 costs subject to a credit for $600.00 paid by Anthony P Wright on or about the 26th of August 1867.

Execution of fieri facias, dated October 1st 1867 returnable to the November Rules following, was sued out on the above judgment and placed in the hands of the Sheriff of Bedford County. The following is a copy of the Sheriff's return thereof

"Levied the within Execution on sundry personal property of the Defendants which was sold as per four lists of sales, herewith returned marked respectively A, B, C & D.
. . . .

The following are copies of the Lists A, B, C & D referred to in the foregoing return

List A

"List of sales of A. P. Wrights property sold on the 15th day of Nov. 1867 to satisfy an Execution in my hands as said Wright & C Dickerson in name of Wm. Dickinson Jr, Jno. J. Dickinson, C. C. Servis & others issued from the clerks office of the Circuit Court of Bedford County on the 1st day of Octr 1867

Names of Purchasers	Property sold	
Thos A. Kasey	2 Hogs 1st choice	16.25
same	2 Do. 2d "	15.50
J. G. Kasey	2 Do. 3rd "	10.50
same	2 Do. 4th "	19.00
R. L. Turpin	1 Sow & 3 pigs	5.75
J. M. McManaway	6 Sheep $2	12.00
T. A. Kasey	6 Do. $1.90	11.40
J. M. Franklin	1 Hot 1st choice (in House)	10.25
J. G. Kasey	1 Do. 2d " "	8.25
same	1 Do. 3d " "	4.25
Thos. A. Kasey	1 Two Horse Wagon	26.00
W. Bandy	3 shotes $3.75 Ea	11.25
D. Crenshaw	1 Pig	1.00
O. P. Meador	13 Pigs for	5.00
W. Bandy	2 Shotes for	1.00
J. G. Kasey	2500 lbs. Sheaf Oats 30¢	7.50
Saml Harris	1 Turning Plough	5.55
Wm. Wingfield	6 Chairs 55¢	3.30
same	1 Bed Stead & furniture for same	18.25
G. M. Cundiff	1 Clock	1.00
same	1 Bureau	7.00
J. G. Kasey	1 Milch cow	13.50
same	1 Heifer	10.25
W. Bandy	2 small calves for	1.50
Thos. T. Martin	1 Two Horse Wagon	16.80
		$242.05

J. G. Kasey S. B. Co."

On or about July 27, 1868, the Dickinson family filed a further suit against Anthony P. Wright in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 6082, for recovery of money due pursuant to the sale of the Dickinson Mill Tract on December 14, 1865.

The complaint contended that Anthony P. Wright had defaulted in his payments and requested resale of the property:

> "To the Honorable G. A. Wingfield, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor:
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> Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators & Oratrices, William Dickinson jr John G Kasey sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator with the will annexed of John J Dickinson decd., Charles C Lewis, Henry C Dickinson & Sally his wife, John Q Dickinson & Mary his wife, and William A Quarrier, that William Dickinson Sr. late of the County of Kanawha, in the State of West Virginia, departed this life on the __ day of _____ ___ in the year __, having first made and published his last will and testament with a codicil thereto annexed, which will and Codicil were admitted to probate in the County Court of the said County of Bedford. on the 27th day of March, 1865, a certified copy whereof with the certificate of Probate endorsed is herewith filed as a part of this bill, marked "A" that by the provisions of said will and Codicil, as will be seen by an inspection of said copy, the testator bequeathed the whole of his estate, the one half thereof to your Orator William Dickinson jr., the one eighth part to the said John J Dickinson (who survived the testator,) and the residue in equal shares to your Oratrix Sally Dickinson, your Oratrix Mary Dickinson (then Mary Lewis, who afterwards intermarried with your Orator John Q Dickinson, and your Orator Charles Lewis: that after the death of the said testator, the said John J Dickinson, also a resident of the said County of Kanawha, departed this life, having first made and published his last will & testament, which was first admitted to probate in the Circuit Court of said County of Kanawha, and afterwards in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia in such case made and provided, an authenticated copy of said last mentioned will & of the certificate of Probate thereof were duly admitted to probate in the County Court of the said County of Bedford, the said will being so admitted to probate as a will of real and personal estate, as will appear by certified copies of the said will & of the orders of probate herewith filed as a part of this bill marked "B": that the said John J Dickinson by his said will, (as shewn by said copy,) bequeathed and devised the whole of his estate as follows, one third thereof to your Oratrix Sally Dickinson, another third to your Oratrix Mary Dickinson (then Mary Lewis), and the remaining third to your Orators William A Quarrier and Henry C Dickinson jointly that the estate of said John J. Dickinson in the State of Virginia has been committed with the will annexed of the testator to your Orator John G Kasey Sheriff of said County of Bedford: that the said William Dickinson sr., at the time of his death, was lawfully seized in fee-simple of a tract of land in the said County of Bedford, on which are located a valuable mill & other buildings situate on Goose Creek, containing by estimation 143 acres & 17 poles, which passed under his said will to his devisees aforesaid, one eighth part to his son the said John J Dickinson, which eighth part passed by the said will of the said John J to

the devisees therein mentioned: that your Orator, the said William Dickinson jr owned in his own right in fee-simple lands adjacent to the tract aforesaid of the said William Dickinson Sr., consisting of several contiguous parcels which together with the tract aforesaid of the said William Dickinson Sr. amounted to 197 acres, 1 Rood & 37 poles, all together being known as the "Dickinson Mill tract": that in the life-time of the said John J Dickinson, to wit, on the 14th day of December, in the year 1865, the devisees aforesaid of the said William Dickinson Sr. and your Orator William Dickinson jr. as one of said devisees & in his own right, by your Orator Henry C Dickinson as their agent (acting also for himself & in right of his wife the said Sally) offered for sale in gross the said "Mill tract" of land, containing 197 acres, 1 Rood & 7 poles as aforesaid, by public auction, to the highest bidder upon the following terms, a credit of six, twelve, eighteen & twenty-four months for equal instalments of the purchase money, the purchaser to give bonds with good personal security for the several instalments and the title to the land to be retained as a further security for the payment of the purchase money until the whole was paid, when the title should be made, reserving however the burying ground, supposed to contain one half acre: that at said sale one Anthony P Wright, being the highest bidder, became the purchaser of said land at the price of $18,700-. and he thereupon executed his four several bonds for $4675- each, payable to your Orator William Dickinson jr, the said John J Dickinson, & your Orators Charles C Lewis, Henry C Dickinson and John Q Dickinson, on the 14th day of June 1866, on the 14th day of December 1866, on the 14th day of June 1867 & on the 14th day of December 1867 respectively: that one James M Ramsey as surety executed the bond payable on the 14th day of June 1866, Clemens Dickinson as surety the bond payable on the 14th day of December, 1866, John H Carner as surety the bond payable on the 14th day of June 1867 and Samuel G Stewart as surety the bond payable on the 14th day of December, 1867: that the bond with James M Ramsey as surety, falling due on the 14th day of June, 1866, has been wholly paid off by the principal obligor, the said Anthony P Wright: that on or about the 26th day of August 1867, the said Anthony P Wright paid $600 in part of the bond with Clemens Dickinson as surety, which became due on the 14th day of December, 1866, & a suit at law was instituted on said bond by the obligees against the said A. P. Wright & the said Clemens Dickinson in the Circuit Court of Bedford County & a judgment recovered thereon against them on the 10th day of May 1867 for $4675. with 6 per cent interest thereon from the 14th day of December 1866 bill payment, & $8.13¢ for costs, subject to a credit for $600 paid on or about 26 August 1867, upon which judgment a suit of Fieri facias was sued out on the 1st Day of October 1867 returnable to November Rules 1867, placed in the hands of J. G. Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County for execution, who levied the same upon sundry personal property of the defendants, made sales thereof & accounts to the plaintiffs for the nett proceeds of such sales: a paper marked "C" is herewith filed as a part of this bill, containing an abstract of the said judgment & a copy of the Sheriff's return on said suit of fieri facias & of the list of sales made by him

thereunder, from which it will appear that the nett amounts arising from said sales & to be credited on said execution are as follows $364.25¢ as of 14 nov. 1867 - $200.75¢ as of 23rd day of February, 1868, & $588.35¢ as of the 23rd of March, 1868, all of which amounts arose from sales of the property of the principal obligor Anthony P Wright except the gross sum of $138.82¢ as of the 16 November 1867, & the further sum of $44 as of the 23rd day of February 1868, which arose from sales of property of the surety Clemens Dickinson, and from which the Sheriff deducted his commissions and as to the residue of the debt the Sheriff returned "no other property found to levy this Exon on: A copy of the bond upon which said judgment was received marked "D:, is herewith filed as a part of this bill, the original being on file amongst the papers in said suit at law in the Circuit Court aforesaid: that on the bond of the said Anthony P Wright with the said John Carner as surety, falling due 14" of Jun. 1867, a suit at law was instituted by the obligees in the County Court of Bedford County against the said Anthony P Wright as surviving obligor (the said John H Carner having died) and a judgment recovered thereon against the said Wright at the November Term, 1867, of said county Court for $4675. with 6 per cent interest thereon from the 14th day of June, 1867, till payment & $6.61¢ costs, upon which judgment on suit of Fieri facias was sued out & return made thereon by the Sheriff of Bedford County "No effects". A copy of said bond (the original being on file in said suit at law in Bedford County Court) marked "E" & also an abstract of said last mentioned judgment with a copy of the Sheriff's return in said last mentioned Fifa annexed, marked "F" and herewith filed as part of this bill: that on the bond of the said Anthony P Wright with the said Samuel G Stewart as surety falling due on the 14th day of December 1867 an action of debt was instituted by the surviving obligees (the said John J Dickinson having died) against the said Wright and Stewart in the County Court of Bedford & judgment received thereon at the February Term, 1868, of said County Court for $4675 with 6 per cent interest thereon from the 14- day of December 1867, till payment & $6.00¢ costs, upon which a suit of fieri facias was issued on the 9th day of March 1868, returnable on the 4th Monday in April, 1868, which suit was placed in the hands of the Sheriff of Bedford County for execution & was levied in sundry personal property of the said Stewart, which property was sold under said levy on the 27th day of April, 1868 & the nett proceeds of sale accounted for to the plaintiffs in the execution: the nett proceeds of sale amounted to $1213.85¢ & the sheriff returned "no effects as to the residue of this execution": A copy of said return & of the list of sales of said property marked "G" is herewith filed as a part of this bill, also a copy of the said bond of Wright & Stewart marked "H: & an abstract of said judgment thereon marked "I". Your Orators and Oratrices further charge, that the whole of the purchase money aforesaid, evidenced by the bonds and judgments aforesaid, is still owing, due, and unpaid, except as to the payments & credits hereinbefore mentioned: that the personal effects of the obligors, so far as they are subject to levy under execution, are believed to be exhausted: that, as shewn by returns aforesaid of the sheriff of Bedford County, writs of fieri

facias upon the judgments aforesaid have proved to a large extent unavailing: that the said John H Carnes died intestate, leaving no personal estate of any value & therefore no suit was instituted at law against his personal representative & none against him in his lifetime, and that he had no personal representative until very recently, when his estate was committed for administration to John G Kasey as Sheriff of Bedford County: And they are advised that they have a right to resort to the aid of a Court of Equity to enforce their vendor's lien reserved as aforesaid upon the tract of land aforesaid sold to the said Anthony P Wright & subject the same to the payment of the residue of the purchase money aforesaid remaining unpaid; and furthermore, if the said land shall prove insufficient for that purpose, as they are apprehensive it will, to enforce the liens of their judgments aforesaid upon the real estate of the judgment debtors respectively & subject the same to the payment of any balances due from them respectively on said judgments.

Your Orators & Oratrices are not fully and accurately informed as to the real estate of the said parties liable to be subjected as aforesaid, the exact location, boundaries, & quantity of the different tracts & parcels of their lands & are therefore compelled to require a full discovery thereof. Upon examination of the land rolls of the Commissioner of the Revenue in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County they find lands charged to said parties as follows to the said Anthony P Wright 188 acres situate on Beaver Dam Creek, but they are informed that said Wright claims that he owns on said tract 297 acres thereabouts & an equitable interest in same lands in Franklin County: to Clemens Dickinson 91-1/4 acres (on which he lives) on Jumping Run": (to John H Carnes one parcel of 40 acres, another of 63 acres, another of 18-1/2 acres, and another of 125 acres, in all 246-1/2 acres, in Goose Creek & to Samuel G Stewart one parcel near X roads of 36-1/2 acres, another near X roads of 21-3/4 acres, and the following parcels in "Falling Creek" 74-1/2 acres, 10 acres, 56 acres & 295-4/10 acres on "Beaver Dam" Creek, in all 494- 3/20 acres. Your Orators & Oratrices are informed, that there are perhaps some judgment liens, other than those hereinbelow mentioned, upon said lands and if your Orators & Oratrices shall be compelled to resort to the said lands for payment of any balances on the judgments aforesaid against said Wright & others, after subjecting the "Mill Tract" of land aforesaid, they are advised, that it is competent for this Court, as a Court of Equity, to settle all conflicts of liens arising amongst the different creditors & order payment according to priorities as they shall be determined. They are also advised that although no judgment may have been received against the said John H Carnes in his life time and none against his personal representative since his death, and as in either case execution thereon would have proved unavailing, his real estate descended to his heirs is liable in their hands to the payment of the bond aforesaid upon which the said John H was bound in his life-time & which upon his death was left wholly unpaid. They are informed that Marinda E Carnes, the wife of the said John H. survived him & is entitled to dower in the lands of her

deceased husband, & that he left the following children his only heirs at law, to wit, William A Carnes, Mary J Carnes, James M Carnes, Elijah T Carnes, John C Carnes, Edward E Carnes, Joseph W Carnes, Sarah E Carnes, (the last six of whom are infants under the age of 21 years).

Your Orators & Oratrices, being remediless in the premises at law & relievable only in a Court of Equity, pray, that Anthony P Wright, Clemens Dickinson, John G Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County & as such administrator of John H Carner decd, Marinda E Carner, William A Carner, Mary J Carner, James M Carnes, Elijah T Carner, John C Carner, Edward E Carner, Joseph M. Carner, Sarah E Carner (the last six infants) & Samuel G Stewart, be by proper process made parties defendants to this suit and required, the adults in proper person and the infants by Guardians ad litem, to answer all and singular the charges and allegations of this bill on their several oaths, as fully and particularly as if the same were here repeated and they thereto severally & specially interrogated: that the said defendants (except the said widow, heirs & personal representative of John H Carner deceased) especially answer and discover the real estate owned by them respectively at the dates of the respective judgments aforesaid against them & such real estate so owned by each of them now, setting forth fully and particularly the location, quantity, & boundaries of each tract of land & exhibiting the evidences of their title to the same, and if they or either of them have aliened any of their lands since the date of the said judgments against them, let them answer and say, to whom they have so aliened said lands, how, when and upon what consideration: and let them also answer and say, whether there be any unsatisfied liens or encumbrances, other than those hereinbefore mentioned, upon the said lands so owned by them respectively at the date of said judgments, and if there be any such, let them severally describe the liens upon their respective lands, the character, dates, & amounts thereof with the names & residence of the creditors holding them: let the said widow & heirs of the said John H Carner answer & say, what real estate the said John H died seized of or had an interest in at the time of his death, describing its location, quantity & metes & bounds of each parcel thereof & let the personal representative of said John H discover the personal estate if any, of which the said John H died possessed & the debts, if any, outstanding against the estate of his intestate: and, the premises considered, may it please your Honor by decree to enforce the specific lien of your Orators and Oratrices against the said Anthony P Wright upon the Mill tract of land hereinbefore mentioned & subject the same by sale to the payment of the unpaid balance of the purchase money still owing by the said Anthony P Wright and his said sureties, and if the said land be insufficient for that purpose, may it please your Honor to enforce the judgment liens aforesaid against the real estate of the said Anthony P Wright & of the said sureties so far as may be necessary to discharge fully the purchase money aforesaid for which said sureties are respectively bound, and also subject the lands of the said John H Carner descended to his heirs, first assigning to his

widow her dower therein, if entitled to the same: appoint guardians ad litem to the infant defendants, order all proper accounts, Grant to your Orators & Oratrices the Commonwealth's writ of summons commanding &c and all such other & further aid and relief as Equity and good conscience may dictate and the nature of their case may require, and, as in duty bound, they will ever pray &c.

E. C. Burks P. Q."

On October 3, 1868, Anthony P. Wright admitted the amounts due and the default in payment, but asked for a sale of the property in a form to obtain the best price and further alleged that there existed a suit to clear obstructions below the mill, which would enhance its value:

"The Separate answer of Anthony P. Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the circuit Court of Bedford County by William Dickinson jr and others and the Said defendant saving and reserving to himself the benefit of all proper exceptions to said bill for answer thereunto or unto such parts thereof as he is advised it is material for him to make answer unto answers and says that he admits he purchased the mill and land in the bill mentioned at the price therein stated and that he executed the four bonds for $4675 each with the security to each bond as stated in the bill. This first bond with James M. Ramsey as security having been paid off, he admits that judgments have been obtained against him and his securities on the other three bonds on these judgments payments have been made to a considerable amount the exact amount he does not know. He admits that there is balance due on each of said bonds. Further answering he says that he is advised that as the suit is brought to subject the said Mill property to the vendors lien thereon that your Honor will give him a reasonable time within which to pay the balance of the purchase money before a sale thereof is made. He believes if this is done that he will be able to pay the balance of the purchase money or so much of it as that the property will sell for a sum sufficient, with the payments he will be able to pay, as to relieve his securities which he is most anxious to do, from all loss. He further states that the said mill tract purchased by him contains about 180 acres, and that it will sell to much better advantage and the interests of all parties will be promoted if it should be sold in two parts, that is to say to sell the mill property with thirty acres of land attached thereto in one tract and the residue 150 acres in another tract. He further states that the mill property aforesaid if sold until the case of Wright vs Kasey &c pending in this Court is decided would be sold under disadvantageous circumstances and at a great sacrifice. That suit is brought for the purpose of relieving said mill from injuries caused by obstructions below and so long as these obstructions remain the property will be regarded as of much less value and would necessarily be sacrificed. He humbly submits that a court of equity would not decree a sale until this difficulty is removed or at least until

the question is settled in regard to it, especially when a sale under such circumstances must result in a great sacrifice of the property

A. P. Wright

In Bedford Circuit Court October 3rd 1868 Sworn to by Defendant Anthony P. Wright.

Teste, R. D. Buford, Clk"

On October 3, 1868, the court in File 6082 ordered the Court Commissioner to take an account of the amount due from Anthony P. Wright on the original purchase price of $18,700 and that report showed one note of $4675 paid in full and a second note of $4675 paid in part and that over $12,000 remained due. That report also stated that Anthony P. Wright then owned two tracts of land, one the Mill Tract for 197 acres and a second for 275 acres:

". . . . At the date of these judgments Anthony P Wright was seized and possessed of the following real estate.

1 197 acres in Bedford county, on Goose Creek - called the "Mill tract" for the purchase money of which the bonds to the complainants were executed

2 275 acres in the same county, on Beaver dam creek adjoining William Anderson, P. R. Moormeau & others some 80 acres of which are not conveyed to Wright, but have been paid for except about $50

He has also an interest (what is unknown to the commissioner) in lands in Franklin county not paid for, and not more more than sufficient in value to pay the purchase money. Now rented to Reed Barton and David Barton

It does not appear that any of this land has aliened since the rendition of the complainant's judgments

It does not appear that there are any liens or incumbrances on the lands of Anthony P Wright, other than the judgments of the complainants on which there is a balance due as of 1 January 1869 of

prin	$11497.90
Int	727.96
Costs	20.75
	$12246.61"

On February 26, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/63 John W. Holdron appointed Anthony P. Wright his attorney in fact to sell his interest in the estate of his mother Elizabeth Holdron:

> "Know all men by these presents that I John W Holdron of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do constitute and appoint Anthony P. Wright of the County and State aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to sell on such terms as he may deem best for my interest my share in the tract of land in the County of Bedford aforesaid now held by my mother Elizabeth Holdron for her life my interest therein being an undivided one third part thereof, with power to collect and receive for my use the purchase money therefor and until paid to secure the payment thereof, to convey the title to the purchaser by proper deed for that purpose and to do all that is necessary to carry out the purposes of this instrument, hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever may be done by my said attorney in the premises Witness my hand & seal this 26" day of February 1869.
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> John W. his X mark Haldron
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> Virginia County of Bedford to wit
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> I F. H. Jeter a justice for said county do certify that John W. Holdron whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 26th day of February, 1869, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 26th day of February, 1869.
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> F. H Jeter JP
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> In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 17th 1875
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> This Power of Attorney from John W Holdron to Anthony P. Wright, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record
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> Teste,
> Ro S Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 2, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/64 Anthony P. Wright, as attorney in fact, sold John W. Holdron's interest in a tract of land to Mercer H. Gray:

"This deed made and entered into this second day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine Between John W Holdron though Anthony P Wright his attorney in fact acting under a Power of Attorney executed to him by John W Holdren on the 26th day of February 1869 which Power of Attorney is of record in the County Courts Clerks office of Bedford County and to which refference is made to show the validity of this deed of the first part and Mercer H Gray of the other part all of Bedford County Va Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty five Dollars paid by the said Mercer H. Gray to the said Anthony P Wright Attorney as stated above the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said John W Holdren though his attorney Anthony P Wright doth grant with general warranty unto the said Mercer H. Gray the entire interest of the said John W. Haldron in and to a tract of land now held by Mrs Elizabeth Holdren during life under the will of George Holdren dec said interest being one undivided third of said land and by these presents doth covenant with the said Gray that the seid Haldren through his attorney Anthony P Wright has full power to convey the said land free from the claim or claims of all other persons whatsoever And the said party of the first part doth covenant and agree with the said party of the second part that at the time conveyance hereof the said party of the first part is the lawful owner of premises above granted and that he will warrant and defend the above granted premises in the quiet and peacable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever after the death of the above named Elizabeth Holdren. Witness the following signature and seal

John W. Haldren
by A. P. Wright his attorney in fact

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 17th 1875.

This Deed from John W. Holdron by Anthony P. Wright his attorney in fact, to Mercer H. Gray, conveying interest in real estate, was produced in said office, stamped with fifty cents of United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law, acknowledged by the said Anthony P. Wright, and admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On May 1, 1869, the court in File 6082 ordered a sale of the Mill Tract to pay the debt due.

On January 2, 1870, in File 6082 the parties entered into a compromise agreement to allow Anthony P. Wright more time to pay the debt:

"In Bedford Circuit Court

William Dickinson Jr., John G. Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County and as such admr. with the Will annexed of John J. Dickinson deceased, Charles C. Servis, Henry C. Dickinson and Sally his wife, John Q. Dickinson and Mary his Wife & William A. Quarrier Pltffs

against

Anthony P. Wright Clemens Dickerson, John G. Kasey, Sheriff of Bedford County & as such admr. of John H. Carner decd., Marinda E. Carner, William A. Carner, Mary J. Carner, James M. Carner, Elijah T. Carner, John C. Carner, Edward E. Carner, Joseph M. Carner, Sarah E. Carner (the last six infants under the age of twenty one years by Rowland D. Buford their Guardian ad litem) and Samuel G. Stewart and James C. Kasey & Wm. A. Wingfield adms. with the Will annexed of Thomas Kasey decd. Defendants

In Chancery pending

Memo. The plaintiffs in the above named suits agree to indulge the defendants in the above named judgments in the payment of the same on the terms and conditions following: the defendant Anthony P. Wright agrees to pay now $1000. in part of said judgments & $2500 on the 1st day of December 1870 & the like sum on the 1st day of December of each succeeding year towards said judgments until they shall be wholly paid, pay at this time the taxes, levies, & assessments accrued on the lands purchased from the plaintiffs since the date of purchase (the same lands described as so purchased in the bill in the chancery cause above-named) & pay hereafter as they become due such taxes, levies and assessments as shall be made on said lands hereafter: pay all costs already incurred by the plaintiffs in the above named suits, on or before the 1st day of April 1870; and have the mill-buildings & fixtures, and the dwelling house and out-buildings thereto belonging on said land insured within 30 days from this date in such Insurance Company or Companies as the plaintiffs or their agent, or attorney, may require & at a fair value & keep the same insured in like manner until said judgments shall be wholly paid, and transfer the policies of insurance to the plaintiffs to be held by them as collateral security for the payment of said judgments; but this agreement and indulgence shall be without prejudice to the liens of the plaintiffs, or any, or either of said plaintiffs, now in force or existing, for the unpaid balance of purchase money for said lands owing by the said A. P. Wright and his sureties, or any or either of them, and the said Wright & his said sureties & each of them and their respective estates are to continue bound by

said liens, notwithstanding the indulgence herein provided for, in like manner and to the like extent, as if this agreement had not been entered into, until said judgments shall be wholly discharged by payment and if the said Wright shall make default in his agreement or undertaking herein contained in any respect or to any extent the plaintiffs are to be at liberty upon such default to proceed to enforce their said judgments, or any, or either of them, and the decree last entered in the chancery cause aforesaid and otherwise to prosecute said judgments and said chancery cause, and be entitled to all the rights & remedies in the premises in like manner as if these articles had not been entered into & crediting said judgments however by any payments heretofore or hereunder made. And it is agreed by & between the plaintiffs and the said Anthony P. Wright and Samuel G. Stewart and Clemens Dickerson, (whose names are hereunto signed that the rights of the plaintiffs are not to be impaired or affected by reason of the failure of the personal representative of John H. Carner deceased, his widow, heirs and distributees, or any, or either of them, to execute or assent to these articles, but the rights of the plaintiffs hereunder shall be the same as if the said John H. Carner were now living and a party to this agreement.

Given under our hands this the 2nd day of January 1870.

Wm Dickinson Jr.
H. C. Dickinson
J. Q. Dickinson
Chas. C. Servis
H. G. Dickinson & Wm A. Quarrier as
Executors & devisees of J. J. Dickinson by
H. C. Dickinson their agt & atty in fact
A. P. Wright
S. G. Stewart
W. A. Carner
Mollie J. Huddleston
Cl[emens] Dickinson (?)"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household on June 29, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Anthony P. Wright	47	M	W	Farmer & Miller	6000
Parmelia Wright	41	F	W	Keeping house	
Martha E. Wright	21	F	W	At home	
Archibald Wright	19	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Lynch M Wright	13	F	W	At home	
Leah Wright	11	F	W	At home	
Witcher Wright	8	M	W		
Landin Wright	6	M	W		
Elizabeth Ramsy	64	F	W	Keeping house	300
Wm. A. Bandy	21	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Sylvia Jeter	24	F	B	Domestic Servt	
John Johnson	15	M	B	Farm Laborer	
Robert Jeter	4	M	B		
Henry Jeter	1	M	B		
Hagar Wright	7	F	B		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
510	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia			1	
	Virginia				
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	Virginia				
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	Virginia				
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
		1	
1			
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This record indicates that Anthony P. Wright was born in about 1823 and that Parmelia Wright was born in about 1829.

On December 27, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6643, a summons was issued against Anthony P. Wright to answer the complaint of William A. Wingfield and James C. Kasey, as administrator of the estate of Thomas Kasey:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting: We command you that you summon Anthony P. Wright to appear before the Judge of our County Court, holden for Bedford County, at the Rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the first Monday in February next, to answer a Bill in chancery exhibited against him in said court by William A. Wingfield & James C Kasey administrators with the will annexed of Thomas Kasey deceased

And have then there this writ. Witness, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the 27" day of December 1871, in the 96" year of the Commonwealth.

Ro. S. Quarles

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Executed on A P. Wright by delivering to each of them a true copy of the within Saml in chy

J S Kasey SBC"

Included in Bedford County, Virginia Chancery Court File 6082 was a list of the property assessed to Anthony P. Wright in 1872 and its value:

"Anthony P. Wright

1st tract 50 acres lying on Beaver dam Creek	
Value per acre including buildings	$ 10.00
total value of land & buildings	$500.00
2nd tract 30 acres on Beaver dam Creek	
value per acre including buildings	10.00
total value of land & buildings	$300.00
3rd tract 108 acres lying on Beaver dam Creek	
value per acre including buildings	$ 6.00
total value of lands & buildings	$648.00

I certify that the above is a true copy of the assessment of the lands of Anthony P Wright taken from the land book for the year 1872

Graham Clayton
Deputy Clerk"

On February 5, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6643, James C. Kasey and William A. Wingfield filed their complaint against Anthony P. Wright for an accounting and sale of the land of Anthony P. Wright to pay a judgment obtained in January 1866 for $685.14:

"To the Hon. John A. Wharton, Judge of the County Court of Bedford County; sitting as chancellor:

Your orators James C. Kasey & William A. Wingfield, administrators with the will annexed of Thomas Kasey decd on behalf of themselves & such others, the creditors of Anthony P. Wright, who shall come in, & contribute to the costs of this suit, humbly complaining show unto your honor, that their testator in his life time obtained a judgment by confession in the clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford County against the said Anthony P. Wright for the sum of six hundred & eighty five dollars and fourteen cents with interest thereon after the rate of six

per centum per annum from the the 4th day of June 1858 until paid, subject to a credit of one hundred & twelve dollors & 70¢ as of the 1st day of January 1859, & for three dollars & 31¢ the costs of said judgment That the said Judgment was duly entered on the Lien docket in said clerk's office on the 9th day of January 1866 - as will appear more fully by an abstract of said judgment & certificate thereto attached herewith filed marked "A".

Your orators charge that the whole of the said judgment, with the exception of the said sum of one hundred & twelve dollars & 70¢, remains due & unpaid, and that the said Anthony P. Wright owns no personal estate, by a sale of which under a writ of fieri facias, the said judgment could be paid off & discharged, but that he was at the date of said judgment, & is now, the owner in fee simple of several tracts of land lying on Beaver dam creek in the county of Bedford, & containing 30, 50 & 108 acres respectively. They are advised that these tracts of land & any other land which he may have owned at the date of the said Judgment, or which he may have since acquired, are subject to the lien of the aforesaid judgment & liable to be sold to discharge the same. Your orators charge that the rents & profits of the aforesaid lands will not pay off the said debt in five years

To the end therefore that justice may be done them, & forasmuch as they are remediless save in a court of Equity where matters of this kind are properly cognizable & relievable, your orators pray that the said Anthony P. Wright may be made a party defendant to this bill, & required on oath to answer the same as fully & particularly as if the allegations thereof were here again repeated & he thereto specially interrogated; that all proper accounts may be directed to be taken by one of the commissioners of this Court; and finally the premises considered may it please your honor to decree a sale of the lands of the said Anthony P. Wright or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay off the aforesaid judgment, & such other debts as shall be properly shown to constitute liens upon the same: Grant unto your orators the commonwealth's writ of summons commanding &c and such other further & general relief as the nature of their case may require & to equity shall seem meet; & your orators, as in duty bound, will ever pray &c

S. Griffin p.q."

On March 1, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6643, the court ordered the commissioners to take an account of the land owned by Anthony P. Wright and the liens against that land for debts due:

"At Bedford County Court March 1st 1872

James C. Kasey & Wm A. Wingfield admrs
with the will annexed of Thomas Kasey dec'd Pltfs
against
Anthony P. Wright Deft

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the Complainant & the decrees nisi entered herein at rules & was argued by counsel. Upon consideration whereof the Court doth confirm the nisi decrees & taking the said Bill as confessed by the defendant, doth adjudge, order & decree that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take the following accounts, 1st An account of the liens by judgment, or otherwise, upon the land of the defendant, & their relative priorities. 2nd An account of the real estate owned by said defendant, or disposed of by him, subject to said liens & the value of the annual rents of said land. And the said Commissioner is directed to examine, state & settle said accounts, & to make report to this Court."

On October 7, 1872, in File 6082 the court ordered the commissioners to rent out the 275 acre tract to pay a judgment debt due from Anthony P. Wright:

"Dickinson &c
v Note for decree 7. Oct: 1872
Wright &c

This cause came on this day again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, & the petition of James C. Kasey & William A. Wingfield, administrators with the will annexed of Thomas Kasey decd, & was argued by counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the court being of opinion that the judgment of the petitioning intestate constitutes the first lien upon the lands of the defendant Anthony P. Wright except the tract on Goose Creek purchased by lien of the pltfs & that they have a right to have the same enforced against said lands, doth adjudge, order & decree that James P. Kasey, sheriff of Bedford courts, do, after advertising the same for at least two weeks, rent the tract of land of two hundred & seventy five acres, described in the report of commissioner Wharton as lying on Beaver dam creek, for the year 1873. That he require to be paid cash enough of the rent to pay the expenses of Executing this decree & for the balance take bonds for equal instalments, with good personal security, containing a waiver of the homestead exemptions, & payable on the first day of July 1873, & the first day of January 1874 respectively. And the said commissioner is directed to make report to this court, & return the bonds along with his report."

On November 27, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/349 Anthony P. Wright purchased a tract of land from M. P. Burks, as commissioner:

> "This deed made this the 27th day of November, 1875, between M. P. Burks, Commissioner as hereinafter named of the one part, and Anthony P. Wright of the other part, both of the County of Bedford, state of Virginia; whereas pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, entered on the 11th day of September, 1855, in the chancery cause therein depending under the style of "Howlin Guardian vs Pate &c" a sale was made of the tract of Eighty five and one fourth acres of land, in the Bill in said cause mentioned, and at said sale one Robert C. Ramsey became the purchaser; and said sale was afterwards confirmed by a further decree entered in said cause on the 29th day of April, 1858; and by further decree entered in said cause on the 3rd day of September, 1875, it was, for reasons appearing to the Court & upon evidence filed amongst the papers in said cause amongst other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said M. P. Burks, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose, should convey to the said Anthony P. Wright, by proper deed with special warranty, the tract of land in the Bill in said cause mentioned. All of which will more fully and at large appear from the Bill, & the proceedings had in said cause now of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of said County - Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & of $5 in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, & in execution of the decree last aforesaid, the said M. P. Burks Commissioner as aforesaid, doth grant with special warranty unto the said Anthony P. Wright, the tract of land aforesaid, in said Bill mentioned, situate in said County, adjacent to the lands of the said Anthony P. Wright & others, containing eighty five and one fourth acres, more or less. Witness the following signature & seal.
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> M. P. Burks
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> In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 6th 1875
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> This Deed from M. P. Burks Commissioner to Anthony P. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said M. P. Burks, and admitted to record.
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> Teste,
> Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 27, 1876, in File 6082 the court appointed commissioners advertised the Mill Tract for sale on February 24, 1876:

"Commissioner's Sale of a Valuable Tract of Land And Mill
In the County of Bedford

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford county, pronounced on the 1st day of May, 1869, in the case of "Dickinson, &c., vs. Wright, &c," the undersigned, acting as commissioners under said decree, will, on Thursday, The 24th Day of February, 1876, on the premises, sell by public auction to the highest bidder, that Valuable Tract Of Land now occupied by Anthony P. Wright, and formerly occupied by William Dickinson, lying on Goose Creek in the county of Bedford, seven miles South-west of Liberty, on which tract are situated the Valuable Mills known as Dickinson's Mills," which are celebrated for the manufacture of the best family flour. Also a valuable Saw Mill.

This tract of land contains 194 acres, 1 rood, and 23 poles; is in a good neighborhood; is of good quality and has on it an abundance of timber, and is well watered. A portion of the tract is finely adapted to the culture of Tobacco.

The land will be sold in one entire tract, or in more parcels, separate from the Mill, as may be desired by purchasers.

Terms:

A sum sufficient will be required in cash to pay the costs of said suit and expenses of sale. On the residue a credit of eight, sixteen, twenty-four, and thirty-two months, equal instalments, will be given, the purchaser being required to give bonds for the deferred instalments, bearing interest from the day of sale at the rate of six per centum per annum, with good security, in which bonds the homestead exemptions of the several obligors are to be waived, and the title to the land withheld subject to resale in default of the payment of the purchase money in whole or in prat.

Rowland D. Buford,)
James F. Johnson,) Comm'rs.

January 27th, 1876,"

Thereafter the commissioners filed their report in File 6082 that part of the land had been sold to A. H. Wright and part had been sold to P. R. Moomaw:

"Dickinson &c)
v) Report of Commissioners to sell land
Wright &c)

The undersigned who were appointed commissioners by a decree, pronounced in the above named cause, on the 1st day of May, 1869, to sell the tract of land

in said decree mentioned respectfully report that after having advertised the time and place of sale for more than three weeks by printed handbills, posted at public places in the county and advertisement in the Bedford Centenil and news and Bedford slot(?) news papers published in the town of Liberty sold by public auction to the highest bidder on the premises on Thursday the 24th day of February, 1876, the said tract of land.

The tract of land was sold ____ request of Jno T. Dickins & A P Wright in two parcels. they deeming best do so and we concurring with them in opinion That portion of the tract lying __th of the mill described as follows "commencing at the upper corner of the field (Rami field) at the creek thence up the hill in a straight-line across the road and down the hill over the left to the branch and down the branch to the creek again" this part of the tract was supposed to contain 150 acres and was sold as containing that quantity but with the understanding which was produced at the sale that if the quantity upon a survey should be ascertained to be in excess of 150 acres the purchaser was to pay for such excess at the rate per acre at which the land was sold and if there should be less than 150 acres there was to be an abatement for such deficiency at the same rate per acre, under these terms the said tract was knocked out to A. H. Wright who was the highest bidder at $15.50 per acre assuming the tract to contain 150 acres the whole purchase money amounted to $2325. The said A H Wright paid $125 in money and executed four bonds for the deferred instalments with William H. Carner his security all dated 24th February, 1876, for $550 each payable respectively eight, sixteen, twenty four and thirty two months from date with interest from date, with an endorsement on each of said bonds signed and sealed by said A. H. Wright and Wm. H. Carner as follows "The within tract of land is sold as containing 150 acres but it is understood and agreed that it is to be surveyed and the exact quantity ascertained and if there is more than 150 acres we are to pay for the excess at the rate of $15.50 per acre and if there is less than 150 acres there is to be a deduction for the deficiency at the same rate per acre" which bonds are herewith returned. Immediately after the above sale at the same place your commissioners sold to the highest bidder at public auction the residue of the tract on which was situated the mill and dwelling house and supposed to contain 40 acres. This parcel was sold in the gross and not by the acre and was knocked out to P. R. Moomaw at the price of $2000. He paid in money $125 and executed his four bonds with B. F. Moomaw his security for $468.75 each, for the deferred instalments all dated 24th February, 1876. and payable respectively 8, 16, 24 and 32 months after date with interest from date which bonds are also returned with this report

R. D Buford
James F. Johnson Coms."

The sale prices of $2325 and $2000 for the two portions of the Mill Tract left a substantial balance still due on the debt.

On September 5, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 8/131 Anthony P. Wright's suit against Thomas A. Kasey was dismissed following the report of the commissioner:

> "Anthony P Wright Plaintiff
> against
> Thomas A. Kasey, & others, Defendants
>
> This cause came on this day to be finally heard upon the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Wharton together with the paper "W.K." referred to in the report and therewith filed and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof and pursuant to the agreement of the parties, as shewn by said paper "W.K.", it is ordered that this suit be dismissed."

On September 14, 1877, in File 6082 the court ordered a further accounting of the amount still due from Anthony P. Wright.

On June 19, 1878, in File 6082 the commissioners advertised for sale the second parcel of 275 acres belonging to Anthony P. Wright:

> "By Wm. S. Myler, Auctioneer.
> Public Sale Of Valuable Land
> In Bedford County, Va.
>
> Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford county, made on the 12th day of March, 1878, in the chancery cause of Dickinson, &c. vs. Wright, &c., the undersigned Commissioners will, On Saturday, the 13th day of July, 1878, at Chamblissburg, in said county, make sale of a valuable Tract of Land, belonging to Anthony P. Wright.
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> This tract of land contains 275 acres, more or less, is situate on Beaver Dam creek, in Bedford county, adjacent to the lands of Phillip R. Moomaw and others, and about four miles from Chamblissburg. It has upon it two good Dwelling-houses, with four rooms each, a tobacco factory barns, stables and all necessary out-houses. It is well watered and timbered, and is a very fine tract of land, convenient to mills, churches and schools. The tract is susceptible of partition, and if desirable will be sold in two or more tracts, or parcels to suit purchasers.
>
> Mr. Anthony P. Wright will show the land to parties desiring to purchase.

Terms Of Sale:

One hundred and fifty dollars of the purchase money will be required in cash, and for the residue a credit will be given of one, two and three years, equal instalments, carrying six per centum per annum interest from the day of sale, secured by bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security, and further by the retention of the title to the property until the whole of the purchase money is paid, the property to be subject to re-sale at the risk of the purchaser for default in payment, in whole or in part.

Terms must be complied with as soon as the property is cried out.

M. P. Burks,
S. Griffin,
June 19, 1878 Commissioners."

The 275 acre parcel was sold to A. H. Wright for $1,089.

In September 1879 the court in File 6082 found that A. H. Wright had defaulted in the payment of the purchase price for the 275 acre tract.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Anthony P. Wright with the following household on June 24, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Anthony P. Wright	W	M	58		
Amelia Wright	W	F	57		Wife
Witcher Wright	W	M	17		Son
Landon Wright	W	M	15		Son
Lian Wright	W	F	20		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house of		
S		Farm Laborer		
S		Farm Laborer		
S		At home		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Anthony P. Wright was born in about 1822 and that Permelia (Huddleston) Wright was born in about 1823.

The marriage license of Leah Fannie Wright and John C. Carner dated on December 21, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as the daughter of Anthony P. Wright and Permelia Wright and her age as 23, indicating her date of birth in about 1857.

On August 26, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/162 Anthony P. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by D. J. Martin.

On September 10, 1881, in File 6082 the court ordered a resale of the 275 acres of land if A. H. Wright did not pay the purchase price. The court also ordered a sale of the portion of the Mill Tract purchased by A. H. Wright on which he had also defaulted in his payments.

On December 12, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/46 Anthony P. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by D. J. Martin to secure a debt due to A. H. Wright.

The marriage license of Witcher P. Wright and Nannie E. Hopkins dated August 1, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as the son of Anthony and Permelia Wright and his age as 28, indicating a date of birth in about 1861.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Anthony P. Wright is located at the Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Anthony P. Wright
July 15, 1821
November 8, 1890"

On December 1, 1890, the court noted that Anthony P. Wright had died and listed his heirs as follows:

> "1890 December 1st
>
> It being suggested to the Court that Anthongy P. Wright one of the defendants in this cause has departed this life intestate since the last term of this Court, leaving surviving him, the following heirs at law Archie H Wright, Witchie P Wright, Landon A Wright, Lizzie Wright who intermarried with S P Ramsey, Lea Wright, who intermarried with J C Carner, Lynch V Wright who intermarried with D. J Martin and that his estate has been committed to John E. Fitzpatrick Sheriff of Bedford County to be Administered according to law. On the motion of said Administrator and by Consent of the parties it is ordered that this cause be revived and hereafter proceeded in in the name of John E. Fitzpatrick Sheriff of Bedford County and as such as Administrator of Anthony P Wright deceased and Archie H Wright, Witche P Wright Landon A Wright, S P Ramsey and Lizzie his wife J. C. Carner and Lea his wife, D. J Martin and Lynch V his wife, the heirs at law of Anthony P Wright; deceased."

From this record it is clear that Anthony P. Wright had died before December 1, 1890, and the children of Anthony P. Wright can be identified as follows:

1) Archie H. Wright,
2) Witchie Wright,
3) Landon A. Wright,
4) Lizzie (Wright) Ramsey,
5) Lea (Wright) Carner, and
6) Lynch V. (Wright) Martin.

The marriage license of Landon A. Wright and America James dated November 25, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as the son of Anthony P. Wright and Permelia Wright and his age as 27, indicating a date of birth in about 1864.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Pemelia Wright is located at the Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

> "Pemelia Wright
> August 1829
> ____"

The death certificate of Lear Frances Wright dated December 12, 1913, at Bedford County, Virginia, listed her parents as Anthony P. Wright, born in Bedford County, and Permelia Huddleston, also born in Bedford County.

ii. Mary Ann (Wright) Feathers, Her Husband Richard P. Or B. Or R. Feathers, And Her Descendants

Mary Ann (Wright) Feathers was a daughter of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and 1826 Archibald Wright of Bedford County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Elizabeth[4])

The marriage bond of Mary Ann Wright, daughter of Elizabeth, and Richard P. Feathers was dated on October 29, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety:

"Mr Steptoe Clerk of bedford coat you are here by ortherrise to let Richard B Feathers have licens to marry my daughter mary ann Wright

test

October 27th 1846
Elizabeth Wright
Anthony P Wright
Robert C Ramsey
Hariett E Wright

Know all men by these Presents - That we, Richard B. Feathers and Anthony P. Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 29" day of October 1846.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Richard B. Feathers and Mary Ann Wright daughter of Elizabeth Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c,
in presence of

Richard B Feather
Anthony P Wright"

This record identifies Mary Ann (Wright) Feather as a daughter of Elizabeth Wright and the witnesses Anthony P. Wright and Robert C. Ramsey clearly identify that Elizabeth Wright is the widow of 1826 Archibald Wright of Bedford County.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Richard P. Feathers with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Richard P. Feathers	29	carpenter	Virginia
Mary A. Feathers	26		Virginia
Jane A.(?) Feathers	4		Virginia
Alan or Alexr Feathers	5/12		Virginia
Margaret Lackard or Sackard	18		Virginia
Abram Ridgway	23	laborer	

This record indicates that Mary Ann (Wright) Feathers was born in about 1824 and that Richard P. Feathers was born in about 1821.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Richard P. Feathers with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Born
Richard Feather	36(?)		Carpenter	Virginia
M. A. Feather	32	F		Virginia
S. Feather	12	M		Virginia
John Feather	10	M		Virginia
____ Feather	8	F		Virginia
____ Feather	5	F		Virginia
____ Feather	2	M		Virginia
Wm Dooley	20	M	Farm Laborer	Virginia

This record indicates that Mary Ann (Wright) Feather was born in about 1828 and that Richard Feather was born in about 1824.

iii. Harriet Elizabeth (Wright) Bandy, Her Samuel W. Bandy, And Her Descendants

Harriet Elizabeth (Wright) Bandy was a daughter of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and ____ ____. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Elizabeth[4])

The marriage bond of Harriet E. Wright, daughter of Elizabeth P. Wright, and Samuel W. Bandy was dated on November 30, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety:

"Mr John Steptoe Sir let Samuel W Bandy have licens to mary my Daughter Haret E Wright

Elizabeth Wright — Nov 30 1846
Anthony P Wright
Thomas L Bandy

Know all men by these Presents - That we, Samuel W Bandy and Anthony P. Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 30" day of November 1846.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Samuel W Bandy and Harriet E Wright daughter of Elizabeth Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c, — Samuel W Bandy
in presence of — Anthony P Wright
Jno M Reese"

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Samuel W. Bandy with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Samuel W. Bandy	29	farmer	Virginia
Elizabeth Bandy	21		Virginia
Emeline Bandy	18		Virginia
Wm. A. C. Bandy	1		Virginia
Robert Hogan	29	laborer	Virginia
Sarah Hogan	25		Virginia
William Hogan	6		Virginia
James Hogan	3		Virginia

This record indicates that Harriet Elizabeth (Wright) Bandy was born in about 1829 and that Samuel W. Bandy was born in about 1821. Since Elizabeth (Wright) Wright's first husband Archibald Wright had died in 1826, this record indicates that Harriet Wright was a daughter of Elizabeth by another relationship. The identity of this non-husband of Elizabeth (Wright) Wright is not as yet known.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Samuel W. Bandy with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Property	Born
Samuel W. Bandy	39		Farmer	$100	Virginia
E. Bandy	30	F			Virginia
Wm Bandy	12	M			Virginia
Jacob Bandy	10	M			Virginia
___ Bandy	8	F			Virginia
___ Bandy	6	M			Virginia
___ Bandy	4	F			Virginia

This record indicates that Harriet Elizabeth (Wright) Bandy was born in about 1830 and that Samuel W. Bandy was born in about 1821 and confirms that Harriet (Wright) Bandy was born after the death of Elizabeth (Wright) Wright's first husband Archibald Wright.

f. Agness (Wright) Wheeler, Her Husband George Wheeler, And Her Descendants

Agness (Wright) Wheeler was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The marriage bond of Agness Wright, daughter of Anthony, and George Wheeler was dated on August 6, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety and the marriage performed on August 8, 1839:

"August 6th 1839

Mr Robert Michel clark of bedford Court let George Wheeler have licens to marry agnice Wright my daughter

test
Anthony P Wright
Jame Wright

Anthony Wright

Know all men by these presents, That we George Wheeler and Anthony P. Wright are held and firmly bound unto David Campbell Esq. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to his successors in Office, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 6th day of August 1839.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound George Wheeler & Agness Wright Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness,
Jno. R. Steptoe

George Wheeler
Anthony P. Wright

George Wheeler & Agnes Wright Aug 8th 1839
. . . ."

On March 1, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/50 Anthony Wright gifted land to his daughter Agness (Wright) Wheeler and her children:

"This Indenture made and indented this 1st day of March 1844 between Anthony Wright Senr. of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Agness Wheeler and her children of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that said Anthony Wright for and in consideration of his natural love, which he hath and do bear for his daughter Agness Wheeler and her children and for the further consideration of one dollar current money of Virginia to him paid in hand by the said Agness Wheeler and her children at or before the sealing of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and hath this day given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell unto said Agness Wheeler and her children their heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land,

lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of falling creek suposed to be sixty acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Begining on a post oak in Pheby Wright's line near the end of the land then off a new blased line, south west to Thomas or Cornelius Bandy's line near a branch, then South allong Bandy's line to Anthony P. Wright and his mothers line then along their line East to Pheby Wright's line, thence along her line to the begining it being the tract of land whereon George Wheeler now resides. To have and to hold the above tract or parcel of land with all its singular appurtenances thereunto belonging the said Anthony Wright doth covenant and with Agness Wheeler and her children agree to warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract of land forever and against the claims of all persons or maner of persons whatsoever that may hereafter come against said land. In testimony whereof the said Anthony Wright hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first written.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presents of — Anthony Wright Snr

In Bedford Clerks office March 4th 1844

This deed of gift from Anthony Wright Snr. to Agness Wheeler and children was produced in the office acknowledged by said Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed George Wheeler with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Property	Born
George Wheeler	38					Virginia
Agnes Wheeler	41					Virginia
Malinda Wheeler	10					Virginia
Mary C. Wheeler	8					Virginia
Gilbert Wheeler	5					Virginia
James L. Wheeler	2					Virginia

This record indicates that Agness (Wright) Wheeler was born in about 1809 and that George Wheeler was born in about 1812.

Agness (Wright) Wheeler and her husband George Wheeler were parties to the case of Wright v. Wright at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Case 682, discussed above in connection with her father Anthony Wright.

Bedford County, Va Death Records by Marvin U. Neighbors stated that the death record of Agness Wheeler was dated on May 16, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Agnes Wheeler
16 May 1858
Consumption
Age: 49 years
Consort: George Wheeler"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed George Wheeler with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Personal Property	Real Property	Born
George Wheeler	47	Farmer	$1200	$600	Virginia
A. Wheeler	25				Virginia
G. Wheeler	15				Virginia
Jas. Wheeler	12				Virginia deaf
Wm. G. Wheeler	6/12				Virginia
A. Woods	25				

As will be set forth below, the A. Wheeler in that census was Adeline Virginia (Crouch) Wright and not Agness (Wheeler) Wright.

Wheeler Cousins stated that Agnes (Wright) Wheeler was born in 1809 at Bedford County, Virginia, married George W. Wheeler on August 6, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died in 1857 in Bedford County, Virginia, that George W. Wheeler was born on March 13, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that they had the following children:

1) Ann Wheeler,
2) Mary Wheeler,
3) Gilbert Wheeler, and
4) James Wheeler.

The book also stated that George W. Wheeler married second Adeline Virginia Crouch and married third Mary Ann Crouch in 1862 and that he died on August 22, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at Stewartsville Station, Bedford County, Virginia.

In her letter dated August 17, 1994, and her email dated July 10, 1999, Mrs. J. Eileen Wheeler enclosed family group sheets which stated that Agnes (Wright) Wheeler was a daughter of Anthony Wright and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright, was born in 1809 at Bedford County, Virginia, married George W. Wheeler on August 6, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on May 16, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, that George W. Wheeler was born on March 13, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on August 22, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler had the following children:

1) Annie Melinda (Wheeler) Crouch, born in 1839 or 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary Queen (Wheeler) Graham, born in 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Gilbert/Georgly Wheeler, born in 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) James H. Wheeler, born in January 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Agness (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler were the following:

1) Annie Malinda (Wheeler) Crouch, born about 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary C. "Queen" (Wheeler) Graham, born about 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Gilbert "Georgly" Wheeler, born about 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) James L. or H. Wheeler, born in January 1846 or on May 8, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Annie Malinda (Wheeler) Crouch, Her Husband Joseph W. Crouch, And Her Descendants

Annie Malinda (Wheeler) Crouch was a daughter of Agness (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Agness[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Malinda Wheeler in the George Wheeler household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

Wheeler Cousins stated that Annie Malinda Wheeler was a daughter of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born about 1840 in Bedford County, Virginia, and married Joseph W. Crouch on July 22, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Joseph W. Crouch was born about 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, and died by 1880, and that Annie Malinda (Wheeler) Crouch and Joseph W. Crouch had the following children:

1) Joseph Gilbert Crouch, born on November 17, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Rhoda Crouch, born about 1871,

3) Ellen Virginia Crouch, born about 1871, and

4) Lucy A. Crouch, born about 1874.

In her email dated July 10, 1999, Mrs. Eileen Wheeler enclosed family group sheets which stated that Annie Melinda Wheeler was a daughter of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born in 1839 or 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Joseph W. Crouch on July 22, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia.

ii. Mary C. "Queen" (Wheeler) Graham And Her Husband James W. Graham

Mary C. "Queen" (Wheeler) Graham was a daughter of Agness (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Agness[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary C. Wheeler in the George Wheeler household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

Wheeler Cousins stated that Mary "Queen" Wheeler was a daughter of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born about 1842 in Bedford County, Virginia, and married James W. Graham on January 20, 1858.

In her email dated July 10, 1999, Mrs. Eileen Wheeler enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary "Queen" Wheeler was a daughter of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born in 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married James W. Graham on January 20, 1858.

iii. Gilbert "Georgly" Wheeler

Gilbert "Georgly" Wheeler was a son of Agness (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Agness[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Gilbert Wheeler in the George Wheeler household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

Wheeler Cousins stated that Gilbert "Georgly" Wheeler was a son of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler and was born in 1845 in Bedford County, Virginia.

In her email dated July 10, 1999, Mrs. Eileen Wheeler enclosed family group sheets which stated that Gilbert/Georgly Wheeler was a son of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born in 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married ____ Derring.

iv. James L. Or H. Wheeler, His Wife Nancy Ann (Patsel) Wheeler, And His Descendants

James L. or H. Wheeler was a son of Agness (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Agness[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James L. Wheeler in the George Wheeler household and his age as 2 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas. Wheeler in the George Wheeler household and his age as 12, born in Virginia, and that he was deaf.

Wheeler Cousins stated that James H. Wheeler was a son of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born on May 8, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died in Roanoke, Virginia.

In her letter dated August 17, 1994, and her email dated July 10, 1999, Mrs. J. Eileen Wheeler enclosed family group sheets which stated that James H. Wheeler was a son of Agnes (Wright) Wheeler and George W. Wheeler, was born in January 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Nancy Ann Patsel on June 12, 1881, at Big Lick, Roanoke County, Virginia, and died at Roanoke County, Virginia, that Nancy Ann (Patsel) Wheeler was born in February 1851 or 1852 at Franklin County, Virginia, and that James H. Wheeler and Nancy Ann (Patsel) Wheeler had the following children:

1) George W. Wheeler, born in March 1883 at Virginia,

2) Marshal John Wheeler, born on October 4, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) James Martin Wheeler, born on April 5, 1888, at Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) Walter Lewis Wheeler, born on march 31, 1891, at Roanoke County, Virginia.

g. Malinda (Wright) Mays, Her Husband Joseph Wright Mays, And Her Descendants

Malinda (Wright) Mays was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

Bedford County, Virginia, Tombstones listed the date of birth of Malinda Mays, wife of Joseph W. Mays, as July 12, 1812, and the date of birth of Joseph W. Mays as January 6, 1811.

On June 16, 1838, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 28/328 James Mayse and Martha Mayse conveyed 100 acres of land to Joseph W. Mays:

"This Indenture made this 16th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight between James Mayes & Martha his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph W Mayse of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said James Mayse and Martha his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars paid to us by the said Joseph W. Mayse in hand, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Joseph W. Mayse his assigns &c. a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford near the North fork of Beaverdam creek, containing one hundred acres more or less, Viz. Beginning at a small white oak in Mayse line and running N. 71-1/2 W. 48 poles to the head of a branch in Bowle's line, thence down the branch as it meanders 100 poles to a Maple corner to Wrights, thence N. 35 E. 99 poles to his corner pine, thence S. 31-1/2 E. 54 poles to a white oak sprout on the Spring branch, thence E. 35 poles to a pine, thence N. 58-1/4 E. to a new corner chesnut in Wrights line, thence a new line South to a corner pine on the road, thence as the road runs to a corner pine in the hollow, thence South to an oak on the branch, thence down the branch as it meanders to a chinquepin thence West to pointers, thence North to the beginning. To have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph W. Mayse &c. forever. And the said James Mayse & Martha his wife shall and will warrant and forever defend the said granted land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph W. Mayse &c. forever against the lawful claims and demands of all other persons. In witness whereof the said James Mayse and Martha his wife have hereunto set their hands & affixt their Seals on the day & date above written.

Signd. Seald. & ackd) James Mayse
in presence of) her
Matthew Pate Martha X Mayse
Robert J. Thurmon mark
James Wright

State of Virginia, Bedford County to Wit

We William W. Reese and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that James Mayse a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 16th day of June 1838 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said

acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and Seals this 20th day of July 1839.

Wm W Reese
William Mead

State of Virginia Bedford County Sct.

We William W. Reese and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that Martha Mayse wife of James Mayse, a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 16th of June 1838 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Martha Mayse acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of July 1839.

Wm W Reese
William Mead

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22nd day of June 1840

This Indenture of bargain and sale from James Mayse and wife to Joseph W. Mayse was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The marriage bond of Malinda Wright, daughter of Anthony Sr., and Joseph W. Mayse or Mays was dated on February 10, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, with William L. Mays as surety:

"To the Clerk of Bedford County. This is to certify that I do agree and authorize Joseph W Mays to ask and demand a licens of you to marry my daughter Malinda Wright this therefore Shall be your authority to grant the licens given under my hand in bedford this feb 9th 1841

Test
William L Mays

Anthony Wright Snr

Know all men by these presents, That we Joseph W. Mayse & William L. Mayse are held and firmly bound unto Thomas W. Gilmer Esq. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to his successors in Office, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 10" day of February 1841.

The condition of the above Obligation is such That whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Joseph W. Mayse & Malinda Wright. Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness, Joseph W Mays
William L Mays"

Bedford County, Virginia, Genealogical Records listed the date of marriage as February 11, 1841.

On November 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/118 Joseph W. Mayse and Malinda Mayse sold 100 acres of land to George Clark:

"This Indenture made this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one between Joseph W. Mayse and Malinda his wife of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part and George Clark of Franklin County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Joseph W. Mayse and Malinda his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars paid to us by the said George Clark in hand the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said George Clark his heirs or assigns &c a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford near the North fork of Beaverdam creek containing one hundred acres be the same more or less Viz. Beginning at a small white oak in Mayse's line and running N. 71-1/2 W. 48 poles to the head of a branch in Bowle's line, thence down the branch as it meanders 100 poles to a maple corner to Wrights, thence N. 33 E. 99 poles to his corner pine, thence S. 31-1/2 E. 54 poles to a white oak sprout on the spring branch, thence E. 35 poles to a pine thence N. 58-1/4 E. to a new corner chesnut in Wright's line, thence a new line near South to a corner pine on the road, thence as the road runs to a corner pine in the hollow, thence near South to a red oak on a branch, thence down the branch as it meanders to a chinkapin, thence near West to pointers, thence North to the beginning. To have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said George Clark &c. forever. And the said

Joseph W. Mayse & Malinda his wife shall and will warrant and forever defend the said granted land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said George Clark &c. forever against the lawful claims and demands of all other persons. In witness whereof the said Joseph W. Mayse and Malinda his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on the day & date above written.

Joseph W. Mays
Malinda Mays

State of Virginia Bedford County to Wit

We, John Claytor and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Joseph W. Mays a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 8th day of November 1841 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said ackowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of November 1841.

Jno. Claytor J.P.
Matthew Pate J.P.

State of Virginia Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Malinda Mayse wife of Joseph W. Mayse a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 8th day of November 1841 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the said deed fully explained to her she the said Malinda Mayse acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of November 1841.

Jno. Claytor J.P.
Matthew Pate J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 29th day of November 1842.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Joseph W. Mayse and wife to George Clark was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

On November 15, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/29 Joseph W. Mayse purchased 171 acres of land from Robert Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three between Robert Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph W. Mayse of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred and eighty nine and twenty cents good and lawfull money of the United States, to him in hand paid by the said Joseph W. Mayse, the receipt whereof the said Robert Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said Joseph W. Mayse his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on both sides of the north fork of Beaverdam creek, containing one hundred and seventy one acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a corner pine of Clarks and James Wrights on the south side of the main road on the side of a stony hill, thence with the lines of James Wrights lott or tract S 80-1/2 W. 10 poles into said road, thence along the same as it meanders N 68-1/2 W. 22 poles crossing said north fork of Beaverdam creek and N. 40-3/4 W 26 poles and N. 70 W. 26 poles to a stake and stones on the north edge of said road, thence leaving said road and continuing the lines of said James Wright N. 5 W. 61 poles to a stake in Compton's line, thence along his lines N. 65 E. 52 poles to a white oak thence S. 44 E. passing said Cumpton's corner and along Hollady's lines 96 poles to a stake formerly a cherry on the south side of the creek, thence S. 45 E. 47-1/2 poles crossing the road to a red oak stump N. 50 E. 99 poles crossing said road and a small branch to said Holladys and Preston & Co's corner hickory thence along said Preston & Co's line S. 62 E. 190 poles to pointers, corner to Medly's tract thence along his lines S. 32-1/4 W. 22 poles crossing the road to a spanish oak on another road near the fork, thence S 43 W. 42 poles to a branch, where the road crosses, thence down the branch as it meanders N. 68-1/2 W. 40 poles and N. 51 W. 36 poles and N. 72 W. 22 poles and N. 33 W. 10 poles and N. 64-1/2 W. 16 poles and N. 80 W. 34 poles to Claytor's corner on the south side said branch, thence along his lines S. 81-1/2 W. 14 poles to a red oak S. 27 W 23-1/2 poles to pointers thence along Clarks lines S. 58 W 36 poles to pointers S. 61 W. 18-1/2 poles to

a pine S. 89-1/2 W. 34 poles to white oak sprouts on a branch N. 30-1/2 W 52-1/2 poles crossing branch to the first station. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land together with all and singular the apurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining herein before mentioned unto him the said Joseph W. Mays his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Robert Wright for himself and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with all and singular the premises and apurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joseph W Mays his and assigns free from the claim or claims of their heirs and of all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall, will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Robert Wright hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered) Robt. W. Wright
presence of)

Bedford County to Witt:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Robert Wright a party to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate, bearing date on the 15th day of November 1843 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of November 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of February 1844.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Robert W. Wright to Joseph W. Mayse was produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

On February 23, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/187 Joseph W. Mays and Malinda Mays sold 40 acres of land to Peter M. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this February 23rd day 1847 between Joseph W Mays and Malinda his wife of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia of the first part and Peter M Wright of the county and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred and

thirty dollars to them hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained & sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell Confirm and deliver unto him the said Peter M Wright his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford & state of Virginia & between the north and east fork of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as follows Viz Beginning at James Wrights Corner rocks in Peter M Wright's line thence N 65 E 52 poles to a white oak S 44 E 38-1/2 poles to a red oak corner to Hollady along his line S 45-3/4 E 40 po to rock in said line thence off new lines S 42-1/2 W 22 poles to thorn bush S 55 W 20 poles to pine S 48 W 36 poles to the main road about 7 poles from the Creek thence up the road as it meanders N 38-3/4 W 20 poles N 70 W 28 poles to stake and rocks on north side of the road off thence along James Wright's line N 5 W 61 poles to the first station containing by survey forty acres three roods & 24 perches.

To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining herein before mentioned unto him the said Peter M Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph W Mays & Malinda his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract or parcel of land with all and singular the premises and apurtenances before mentioned with the said Peter M Wright his heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Joseph W Mayse and his wife Malinda hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Joseph W Mays
Malinda Mays

Bedford County to Witt

We Jno Claytor & Matthew Pate justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph W Mayse party to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate bearing date on the 23rd day of February 1847 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 1st day of March 1847

Jno Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford County to Witt

We Jno Claytor justices of the peace in the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Milinda Mays the wife of Joseph W Mayse a party to the within deed bearing date on the 23rd day of February 1847 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our said County & being examined by privily & apart from her husband & having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Milinda Mayse declared that she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same & that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hand & seals this 1st day of March 1847

Jno Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford Clerks office June 11" 1847

This deed from Joseph W Mayse & wife to Peter M Wright conveying real estate was produced in the office Certified and admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

The will of James Mayse dated March 25, 1847, and probated on September 8, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/494 listed Joseph W. Mays as one of his children:

"In the name of God, Amen; I James Mays of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for his mercies and noing that it is appointed unto man once to die think proper to make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz, It is my Will and desire that after my Death I be buried in decent manner and that all my funeral expenses be paid together with all my just Debts out of the parishable property belonging to my estate by my Executors hereinafter named and thatthe remainder of my estate be disposed of as follows Viz

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son Joseph W Mays one Dollar

. . . . said sums to be paid to them or to such persons as shall be legally authorised on the several behalves to receive the same by my executors in full of their several interests in my estate the said Joseph M Mays Samuel K Mays Charlotte Dowdy and Martha Cater having heretofore received such advancements as in my opinion equals the just proportion of each of them in my

estate taking into consideration the burthen that myself and wife may be to secure of my other children.
. . . ."

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph W. Mays with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Property	Born
Joseph W. Mays	40			Farmer	$851	Virginia
Malinda Mays	38					Virginia
Francis Dickerson	16			Laborer		Virginia

Malinda (Wright) Mays and Joseph Wright Mays were parties to the case of Wright v. Wright at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682, discussed above in connection with her father 1850 Anthony Wright of Beddford County.

On April 26, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/327 Susan R. Mays and William S. Mays appointed Joseph W. Mays as their attorney in fact to act for them in connection with the estates of Dr. John Claytor and Elizabeth Holden:

> "Know all men by these presents that We Susan R Mays (late Susan R. Claytor) one of the heir of Dr John Claytor decd & Wm L Mays her husband of the county of McCracken & State of Kentucky have made nominated and appointed and by the presents do make nominate and appoint Joseph W Mays of the county of Bedford State of Virginia our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names and for my use and benefit to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from the Executor or Administrator of the estate of the said Dr John Claytor decd of the County of Bedford State of Virginia & also of the estate of Elizabeth Holden late of the County of _____ & State of North Carolinie or from any other person or persons in whose hands the same may be all such sum or sums of money debts and demands whatsoever which are now due and owing unto us the said Susan R Mays (late Susan R Claytor one of the heir of the said Dr John Claytor decd of Bedford County Virginia & also one of the devisies of the said Elizabeth Holden of North Caroliner & her husband W S Mayse and from the said Estates of the said Dr John Claytor & the said Elizabeth Holden either in the State of Virginia or North Carolinia and to have use and take all Lawful ways and means in our names or otherwise for the recovery thereof by attachment arrest distress or otherwise and to compound arbitrate and agree for the same and acquittance or other sufficient discharges for the same for us and in our names to make seal and deliver. And to do all lawful acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and in every respect as we ourselves might or

could do: were we personally present retifying and confirming and by these presents allowing whatsoever our said attorney shall in our names lawfully do in and about the premises by virtue of these presents

In witness of all which we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 26th April 1855

Wm S Mays
Susan R. Mays

State of Kentuckey)
McCracken County)

We George Smedley and D. T. Craig two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid do certify that the within power of attorney from Susan R Mays and Wm. S. Mays her husband to Joseph W Mays was this day acknowledged before us in our said county by the said Susan R Mays and William L Mays who are personally known to us to be the persons whose signatures are affixed thereto to be there act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned. And desired us to certify the same for records in the proper office or officers where the business is to be transacted

Given under our hands and seals this 26" day of April 1855.

G. T. Smedley JP.
D. T. Craig J.P.

State of Kentucky)
McCracken County) Sct

I Braxton Small clerk of the County Court for the county aforesaid do certify that Geo Smedley and D. G. Craig whose signatures are affixed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgment are and were at the time of signing the same two of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and that full faith & credit are due & ought to be given to all their acts as such & their signatures are genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court at my office in ____ this 26th day of April 1855

B Small CM. CC

At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of May 1856

This power of attorney from W. S. Mays & wife to Joseph W Mays was produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On April 29, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/395 Francis Dickerson appointed Joseph W. Mayse his attorney in fact to act for him:

"Know all men by these presents, that I Fracis Dickerson, in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, have made, constituted, & appointed, & by these presents do make, constitute, & appoint Joseph W Mayse, of the County & State aforesaid, my true & lawful Attorney for me and in my name, place, and stead, to settle up all money matters in which I have any concern & to transact all business matters, In which I have any interest of every description Whatsoever, giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. In Witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 29th day of April 1857

Sealed & delivered)
in presence of)

Francis Dickerson

Bedford County (to wit)

I Peter M Wright a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid In the State of Virginia do certify that Francis Dickerson whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 29th day of April 1857 has acknowled the same before me in my County aforesaid given under my hand this 29th day of April 1857

Peter M Wright J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court December 28th 1857

This Power of Attorney from Francis Dickerson to Joseph W. Mayse, was produced in said Office together with the certificate tehreto annexed and admitted to record.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C."

On November 15, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/176 Joseph W. Mayse purchased a lot of land from Henry C. and Louisa Steptoe:

"This Deed made this 15th day of November 1858, between Henry C. Steptoe and Louisa his wife of the one part, and Joseph W. Mayse of the other part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of three hundred and twenty five dollars in hand paid, the said Henry C. Steptoe and Louisa his wife do grant with general warranty unto the said Joseph W. Mayse a certain lot of ground lying and being in the County of Bedford about one mile west of Pea Town containing about two acres, adjoining the lands of Peter M. Wright, said Joseph W. Mayse and others and being the same lot of ground upon which the said Henry C. Steptoe recently resided. And the said Henry C. Steptoe and Louisa his wife do hereby covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the said Mayse and that the said Mayse shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all manner of incumbrances and that they will execute such further assurances to the said land as may be requisite and that they have done nothing to incumber the said land. Witness the following signatures and seals

H. C. Steptoe
Lou C. Steptoe

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office November 15th 1858

This deed from Henry C Steptoe and Louisa his wife to Joseph W Mayse conveying real estate was produced in said office, acknowledged by said Henry C. Steptoe And Louisa C. Steptoe, wife of said Henry C Steptoe whose names are signed to the foregoing deed, bearing date the 15th day of November 1858 personally appeared before me in said Office, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Louisa C Steptoe acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it - Whereupon the said deed was admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

On March 3, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/178 Joseph W. Wright purchased two lots of land from James Wright:

"This Deed made this 3rd day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred & Sixty between James Wright and his wife Judith P of Franklin County parties of the first part, and Joseph W. Mays of Bedford County party of the second part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred & Seventy eight dollars & Six cts The said James Wright and Judith P. his wife doth grant unto the said Joseph W Mays with general warranty all their right and title in two certain lots pieces or parcels of land lying and bounded as follows, adjoining the lands of Joel Wright and others, and Samuel Harris and others situated on Beaver dam Creek in the County of Bedford Virginia Beginning at about 2 poles above the mouth of a small branch entering in to the said creek nearly as it meanders N 86 E. 49 poles to a poplar in said Branch thence S. 83-1/2 E. 43.20 poles to a dead white oak, thence S. 80-3/4 E. 47.40 poles to a stake and stone pile on fence thence N 34-1/4 E. 40 poles to a small red oak and stump at figure one, on the platt, thence from 1 to 2 N. 84-1/2 W. 19 poles to a white oak, thence N 78 W. 20 poles to a dead white oak, thence N. 58 W. 12 poles N. 35 W. 34 poles N. 66 W. 10 poles N 33. W 16 poles to a white oak in a branch, thence down said branch as it meanders N 67-1/2 W. 14-1/2 poles to a spanish oak on Beaver dam Creek thence down said creek as it meanders S. 7 E. 7 poles S. 47 W 7 poles S 55 W 15 poles S 64 W 40 poles S 40 W 10 poles S 5 E. 31 poles S 14 W. 12 poles to the first station containing fifty one acres one rood and fifteen poles - The next lot Beginning at a post oak represented on the platt at figure one thence from 1 to 2 S. 24-1/4 E. 42 poles to a branch and blazed Ivy thence up said branch N 58-1/2 E 13.60 poles to blazed elders, thence S. 15-1/2 E. 26 poles to a pine and hickory S 38-1/2 E 23.32 poles to two Sorrels S. 1-3/4 E. 22.80 poles to a poplar and gum in a hollow thence S. 18 E. 28:88 poles to a white oak dogwood in Richard Ridgways line thence along his line S 89 W 8:60 poles thence S 75-3/4 W. 57 poles to Beaver Dam creek, thence up said creek as it meanders N 39 E. 32 poles N 44 W 26 poles N 64-1/2 W. 18 poles N 16 W 28 poles N 25-1/4 E. 57 poles to the first station. Containing forty one acres, three roods and twenty nine poles - Witness the following signatures and seals

James Wright
Judith P. Wright

Franklin County to wit

I ____ a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that James Wright whoes name is signed to the writing above bearing

date on the 3 day of March 1860 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid - Given under my hand this 3 day of March 1860

Sam. Hale J.P.

Franklin County to wit:

We Sam Hale & Seth E McGuire Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Judith P. Wright wife of James Wright whoes names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 3 day of March 1860, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith P. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it - Given under our hands this 3rd day of March 1860

Sam Hale J.P.
Seth E McGuire J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks office March 26th 1860

This deed from James Wright & Judith P. his wife to Joseph W. Mays conveying real Estate was produced in said Office & together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. W. Mays on July 12, 1860, at Davis Mills Post Office with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
J. W. Mays	49	M	Farmer	$4,700	$6,000	Virginia
M. Mays	47	F				Virginia
L. C. Mays	9	F				Virginia

The death record of James D. E. Mays dated July 1, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, listed the informant as his brother Jos. W. Mays.

On March 2, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/217 Peter M. Wright appointed Joseph W. Mays his attorney in fact to sell the slaves and personal property of the estate of Silas Dearing:

"Know all men by these presents that I Peter M Wright of the County of Bedford Va being one of the administrators of Silas Dearing dcd & having been one of the Commisioners appointed by the County Court of Bedford to sell certain tracts of land belonging to the estate of the said Silas Dearing, have made and appointed & by these presents do appoint Joseph W Mays of the County & State aforesaid my lawful attorney for me and in my name and stead to sell the lands named in said decree also the slaves & such other personal poperty as he may deem adviseable and for me and in my name as commisioner to make execute, acknowledge and deliver to the purchasers thereof good and sufficient deeds for the same, giveing to my said attorney full power to do any and every act whatever necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to every intent as I might or could do were I personally present acting. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 2nd day of March in the year 1863

Peter M Wright

County of Caroline to wit

I John H De Jainett a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do certify that Peter M Wright whose name is signed to writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of March 1863 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 2nd March 1863

J H De Jainett J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office March the 23rd 1863

This power of Attorney from Peter M Wright to Joseph W Mays was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On July 18, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/385 Joseph W. Mays and Malinda Mays sold 2 acres of land to the heirs of John P. A. Harris:

"This Deed made this 18 day of July 1863 between Joseph W Mays & Malinda his wife of the one part & the heirs of John P A Harris decd of the other part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of Four hundred dollar in hand paid the said J W Mays & Malind his wife do grant with general warranty unto the said heirs of John R A Harriss dec a certain lot of ground lying & being in the County of Bedford about one mile west of Pea town containing about two acres joining the lands of Joel M Wright the said J W Mays & others & being the same lot of ground that John P A Harriss bought of the said J W Mays and the said J W Mays & Malinda his wife do hereby covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the said heirs of John R A Harriss decd and that the said heirs shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all ____ of incumbrances and that they will execute such further assurances to the said land as may be requisite and that they have done nothing to incumber the said land. Witness the following signatures & seals

J. W Mays
Malinda Mays

States of Va)
Bedford County) to wit

This day Joseph W Mays & Malinda his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date July 18th 1863 come personally before me and acknowledged the same. And the said Malinda Mays being examined by me privily & apart from her husband and having the said deed fully explained to her, she the said Malinda Mays acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Sept 23rd 1863

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office November 25th 1863

This Deed from Joseph W Mays and Malinda his wife to the Heirs of John P A Harriss deceased conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

On July 6, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 46/276 Joseph W. Mays purchased 120 acres of land from Polly Worley in exchange for providing her support for her life:

"This Deed made this 6" day of July in the year 1872 between Polly Worley of the One part and Joseph W. Mays of the other part: Witnesseth that in

consideration of the sum of Five dollars and the further consideration of the covenant herein after set forth on the part of the said Mays, the said Polly Worley doth grant with general warrantee unto the said Joseph W. Mays the tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, about fifteen miles South-west of the town of Liberty, containing one hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows: beginning at a pile of rock in Gooldy's line corner to Lot No 1 represented in the plat, according to the survey made when said tract was allocated to the said Polly Worley as fig 1 from 3 to 4 with Gooldy's line S 34-1/4° E 73 poles & 9 links to pile rocks by a fence, from 4 to 5 N 48 E 28 poles & ten links crossing a branch, in all 58-1/2 to a white flint rock & pointer white oak from 5 to 6 S 56-1/4° E 59-1/2 poles to a large spanish oak by a pair draw-bars, Melson's corner from 6 to 7 with Melsons line S 27-1/2 west 117 poles & five links to pile rocks on a ridge from 7 to 8 S 60-1/2 E crossing Cates Creek new corner John S. Bowles, thence nearly South new line to Andersons line between figs 9 & 10, thence with his line N 59-1/2 West to a white oak on the north side of a road at fig. 10, thence from 10 to 11 N 87-1/2 W 10 poles to the corner of lot No. 2, thence with the line of No 2 N 6-1/4 E 41 poles Xing the Creek in all 86 poles to a persimmon N 56-1/2 W 32 poles & 15 links to a sasafras N 32-3/4 W at 29 poles & 11 links Xing the Creek in all 50 poles & 16 links to 2d persimmon tree near the grave yard corner to lot No 2 & 1, thence with the line of No 1 N 17-1/2 W 32 poles to a three-prong white oak N 21-3/4 E 59 poles & 20 links to the beginning. It being the same tract of land allotted to Polly Worley daughter of James Mays in the division of her fathers lands, known as lot No 3 in said division and the said Joseph W. Mays doth covenant with the said Polly Worley that in consideration of the premises, he will support comfortably in his house during her life the said Polly Worley & that he will provide for & furnish her suitable fare, shelter, lodging & wearing apparel & treat her with Kindness & Courtesy, Witness the following signatures & seals.

Polly Worley
J. W. Mays

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I Robert M. Beard Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Polly Whorley and J. W. Mays whose names is signed to the writing hereto annext bearing date on the 6 day of July 1872 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 13th day of July 1872.

Robert M. Beard J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office August 10th 1872

This Deed from Polly Worley to J. W. Mays, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue stamp, cancelled according to law, & together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

On December 13, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/366 Joseph W. Mays, Joel Franklin, and Joel W. Wright conveyed 1-5/8 acres of land to the Trustees of the Public Schools of Chamblissburg Township for a school:

"This Deed made and entered into the 13th day of December 1873 between Joseph W. Mays Joel Franklin and Joel W. Wright of the first part and the Trustees of the Public Schools of Chamblisburg Township of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the benefit of Public white schools of Chamblisburg School Disct do grant give and convey unto the said Board of trustees for that purpose a certain lot or parcel of land containing 1-5/8 acres be the same more or less situated in Bedford County on the North side of the road leading from Peatown to Xroads and near new Hope Church and is bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a post Oak in Mays & Franklins line thence new line N 58-1/2 E 8 poles to center of road in all 11.32 poles to a small red oak thence with Wright S 23-1/2 E. 19.36 poles to a small red oak thence S 10° W 10 poles to a stake in the [missing line] poles to a stake thence off N 17-3/4 W 13-1/2 poles to the beginning to have and to hold so long as used for the benefit of Public White Schools when used no longer for that purpose to go back to the former owners the said parties of the first part reserve all the timber on the said lot for a grove & not to be cut by themselves or others the road passing through said lot is reserved In Witness whereof we here unto affix our hands and seals this day & date above written

Joseph W. Mays
Joel Franklin
Joel W. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I James M. McManaway Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Joseph W Mays Joel Franklin and Joel W. Wright whose names is signed to the writing above above bearing date on the 13" day of December

1873 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this this the 13" day of December 1873

James M McManaway J.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1877

This Deed from Joseph W Mays and others to the school Trustees of Chamblissburg School District conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/225 Joseph W. Mays and Malinda Mays gifted 121-3/4 acres of land to Laurie C. Jeter:

"This Deed made and entered into this 1st day of January 1875 between Joseph W. Mays and Malinda his wife of the first part and Laurie C. Jeter and her body heirs of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said Joseph W. Mays and Malinda his wife of the first part for and in consideration of the love and affection they bear their daughter Laurie C. Jeter and her Heirs have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto unto the said party of the second part on certain tract or parcel of land situated in Bedford County on the waters of Kates Creek adjoining the lands of Geo. Dunsmore D. M. Newsom and others it being a part of Lot No. 3 in the Division of James May's Est and drawn by Polly Worley and is bounded as follows to wit: Beginining at a pile of rocks by a road 27 poles from a red oak and chestnut oak stump (corner to Joel W. Wright was Gooldy's) Thence with the lines of of H. P. Feather Decd S 34-1/4 E about 73.36 poles to a rock pile by the side of a fence Thence N 44 E 28.40 poles Xing a branch in all 58-1/2 poles to a white flint rock and pointer white oak Thence with J. Feather's line was Dunsmore S 56-1/4 E 59-1/2 poles to a Large Spanish oak by a pair of draw bars Thence on with Dunsmore's line S 27-1/2 W 117.20 poles to a pile of rocks on a ridge Thence S 60-1/2 E 34 poles Xing Kates Creek in all _____ poles to a maple in a swamp corner to D. M. Newsom. Thence with the line of the Newsom lot S _____ W _____ poles Xing a branch in all _____ poles to a stone in in the foundation of Old Jointee Church Thence North 59-1/2 W about 45 poles to a white oak on side of a road Thence along the road N 87-1/2 W 10 poles Thence N 6-1/4 E 41 poles Xing the Creek in all 86 poles to a persimon Thence N 56-1/2 W 32.60 poles to a small sassafras Thence N 32-3/4 W 29 poles Xing Kates Creek in all 50 poles to 2 persimmons near the grave yard Thence with the lines of Lot No 1 N 17-1/2 W 32 poles to a a 3 prong white oak on a ridge Thence N 21-3/4 E 59.80 poles to the first station containing 121-3/4 acres be the same

more or less, to have and to hold forever. The said parties of the first part bind themselves to warrant and defend the right and title of said land unto the said parties of the second part with general warranty

Given under our hands this 13th day of February 1875

Joseph W Mays
Malinda Mays

State of Va County of Bedford to wit

I John H Fuqua a Notary Public for the County of Bedford and State of Va do certify that Malinda Mays the wife of Joseph W. Mays whose names are signed to the above writing bearing date 1st day of January 1875 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Malinda Mays acknowledged the said writing to be her act and that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1875

John H Fuqua N.P.

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I, John H Fuqua a Notary Public for the County of Bedford state of Virginia do certify that Joseph W. Mays whose name is signed to the above writing personally appeared before me me in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the above writing to be his act

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1875

John H. Fuqua NP.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, August 17th 1875

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays and wife to Laurie C. Jeter, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/378 Joseph W. Mays and Malinda Mays sold 41 acres of land to John R. Perdue:

"This Deed made and entered into this 1st day of January Eighteen hundred and seventy five between Joseph W. Mays and Malinda his wife of the one part and John R. Perdue of the other part all of the County of Bedford and State of Va. Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to them in hand paid the reciept whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by the these present do grant bargain & sell unto the said party of the second part one certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Bedford on Beverdam Creek adjoining the lands of the late Saml Harris Dec and others and is bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a post oak Thence S 24-1/4 E 42 poles to a branch and blazed way thence up said branch N 58-1/2 E 13.60 poles to blazed alders thence S 15-1/2 E 26 poles to a pine and hickiry S 38-1/2 E 23.32 poles to two sorrels S 1-3/4 E 22.80 poles to a poplar and gum in a hollow Thence S 18 E 28.88 poles to a white oak & dogwood in Richd Ridgways line Thence along his line S 89 W 8.60 poles S 75-3/4 W 57 poles to Beaver Dam Creek. Thence up said Creek as it meanders N 39 E 32 poles N 44 W 26 poles S 64-1/2 W 18 poles N 16 W 28 poles N 25-1/4 E 57 poles to the first station containing Forty One Acres thre roods and twenty nine poles be the same more or less to have and to hold forever. The said parties of the first part, bind themselves to warrant and defend the right and title of said land unto the the said party the second part against the claims of themselves or any person or persons claiming in and through by them with general warranty. Given under our hands and seals this 1st day of January 1875

Joseph W. Mays
Malinda Mays

Bedford County to Witt:

This day Joseph W. Mays personally appeared before M John H. Fuqua a Notary Public in the County of Bedford and acknowledged the above writing to be his act and deed dated the first day of January 1875 this day Malind Mays the wife of Joseph Mays personally appeard before me in the aforesaid County and after having the above deed explaind to her privily and apart from her husband acknowledged the above deed to John R. Perdue to be her act and deed and declared that she did not wish to retract the same Given under my hand this the 4 day of March 1866

John H. Fuqua N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks office Febuary 3d 1877

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays and wife to John R. Perdeu conveying real estate was produced in said office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On December 26, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/259 Joseph W. Mays filed a lis pendens against John W. Anderson:

"Mays)
v) Lis Pendens
Anderson)

In the Circuit Court of Bedford County, A suit in chancery is now pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in the name of Joseph W. Mays, against John W. Anderson, the object of which amongst other things is to attach the 90-1/2 acres of land in the Bill, in said suit mentioned belonging to the said John W. Anderson lying on Beaver Dam Creek in the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, and adjoining the lands of the late John Melson, Wm M. Fields, and others and to subject the same to the payment of the debts in the Bill mentioned due and to become due by the said John W. Anderson to said Mays amounting in the aggregate to $400 - payable as follows $150 - a part thereof, due 1st July 1876, with interest from 1st Jany 1876, $125, another part thereof, due 1st July 1877, with interest from 1st Sept 1875, or $125.00 the residue thereof, which will be due 1st July 1878, with interest from 1st Sept 1875, Given under my hand this 26th December 1877.

R D. Buford, Clk.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office December 26th 1877.

This Lis Pendens, in favor of Joseph W. Mays against John W. Anderson was produced in said Office, and at the request of Joseph W. Mays admitted to record.

Teste
Ro S. Quarles C.B.C"

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia and Bedford County, Virginia, Genealogical Records listed the date of death of Malinda (Wright) Mays as on

August 10, 1879, and Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia also stated that she was buried at the Mays Family Cemetery near the Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Mays, age 69 and born in Virginia, with the following members of his household, all born in Virginia:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Relationship	Marital Status
Joseph W. Mays	W	M	69		W
Polly Worley	W	F	73	Sister	W
Mary A. Thomas	W	F	30	Servant	S
Lula E. Jeter	W	F	4	Gr Daughter	S
Ella J. Wright	B	F	20	Servant	S

Occupation	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
Farmer	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
At Home	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Housekeeping	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Servant	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Joseph W. Mays was born in about 1811.

On August 16, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/216 Joseph W. Mays sold 51 acres of land to John W. Harris:

> "This deed made and entered into this 16th day of August 1880, between Joseph W. Mays of the first part, and John W Harris of the second part, both of Bedford County Virginia, Witnesseth, that the said Joseph W. Mays for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and five dollars and 37 cents, one hundred and fifty dollars of which is in hand paid, and for the resedue the said party of the second part has executed his two bonds equal installments and payable in one and two years, hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John W. Harris one certain tract or parcel of land situated in Bedford County on Beaverdam Creek adjoining the land of the said Harris, Wm M. Fields, and others, containing fifty one acres one Rood and fifteen perches be the same more or less, and is bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at about 2 poles above the mouth of a small branch entering unto the said creek nearly as it meanders N 86, E 49 poles to a poplar

in said branch, thence S 83-1/2, E 43.20 poles to a dead white oak thence S 80-3/4 E 40 poles to a stake and stone pile on a fence, thence N 34-1/4 E 40 poles to a small red oak and stump at figure 1 on the plat, thence from one to 2 N 84-1/2 W 19 poles to a white oak, thence N 58 W 12 po N 35 W 34 poles, N 66, W 10 poles, N 33 W 16 poles to a white oak in a branch, thence down said branch as it meanders N 67-1/2 W 14-1/2 poles to a spanish oak on Beaverdam creek, thence down said creek as it meanders S 7 E 7 poles S 47 W 7 poles, S 55 W 15 poles S 64 W 40 poles, S 40 W 10 poles S 5 E 31 poles S 14 W 12 poles to the first station to have and to hold forever with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging. The said J W Mays binds himself to warrant and defend the right and title of said land unto the said J. W. Harris against the claims of any person or manner of persons whatsoever claiming in and through him with general warranty. Witness the following signatures and seal this day and date above written.

Joseph W. Mays

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

Joseph W. Mays whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date of the 16th day of August 1880 person appeared and acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid this the 16th day of August 1880

Chas H. McManaway J.P.

In Bedford County Court, September 26th 1881

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to John W. Harris conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
John M. Speece D.Clk."

On February 17, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 55/522 Joseph W. Mays purchased 51 acres of land from H. C. Loury as special commissioner:

"This Deed made the 17th day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty three between H. C. Loury a special Commissioner of the first part and Joseph W. Mays of the second part, Witnesseth: Whereas in the Chancery suit of Mays against Anderson &c lately pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County the said Court ordered and decreed among other things that the said H. C. Loury should convey by deed with special warranty to the said Joseph W. Mays the tracts of land purchased by him in the said case, now therefore in

consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said H. C. Loury as special Commissioner aforesaid has granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents does grant bargain sell and convey to the said Joseph W. Mays with special warranty the two tracts of land set forth and described in said Chancery suit, the first tract known as "Beaver Dam" tract containing fifty one acres more or less being the same tract of land sold to one John W. Anderson by the said Joseph W. Mays, and bounded by the lands of Wm. M. Fields, John W. Harris and others, and the other tract also on Beaver Dam containing about ninety eight and half acres, it being the same tract of land conveyed to the John W. Anderson on the 3rd day of October 1877, and filed with the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County Va for recordation to which reference is hereby made for a more particuly description of the same: both of these tracts are situated in the County of Bedford, State of Virginia on the waters of Beaver Dam Creek. Witness the following seal & signature

H. C. Loury Spl. Comr.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 17" 1883

This Deed from Henry C. Loury Commissioner to J. W. Mays conveying real estate was produced in said office, acknowledged by the said Henry C. Loury, and admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 30, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/386 Joseph W. Mays and H. C. Loury, as special commissioner, sold 98 acres of land to Wm. J. Field:

"This deed made the 30th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six between H C Loury a special Commissioner, and Joseph W. Mays of the first part and Wm M Field of the second part, all of the County of Bedford State of Virginia Whereas in the Chancery suit of "Mays against Anderson &c" lately pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford, the said H C Loury was appointed a special Commissioner to convey to the said Joseph W Mays, a tract of tract sold by order of the said Circuit Court and bought by the said Joseph W Mays, he having paid all the purchase money therefor, and whereas the said Joseph W Mays, has since that time sold the said tract of land to the said Wm M Fields, and has requested the said H. C Loury to convey to the said Wm M Fields the said tract of land containing about ninety eight acres, more or less, situate on Beaver dam Creek in the County of Bedford County, and adjoining the lands of the said Wm M. Fields and others it being the same tract of land sold to one John W Anderson by Thomas Melsons heirs on 3rd of October 1877. Now,

therefore this deed, witnesseth in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars paid to the parties of the first part by the said Wm M Fields, the said H C Loury as special Commissioner, and the said Joseph W Mays have granted bargained sold and conveyed and they do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey, the said H C Loury with special, and the said Joseph W Mays with general warranty the aforesaid tract of land supposed to be about ninety eight acres more or less, and adjoining the lands of Wm M Fields and others

Witness the following seals & signatures

H C Loury Spl. Comr
J. W. Mays

In Bedford County Court, June 30th 1886.

This Deed from H. C. Loury Commissioner and Joseph W. Mays to William M. Fields, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said H. C. Loury Commissioner and Joseph W. Mays, and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 25, 1887, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 60/230 Joseph W. Mays sold 2 acres of land to William B. Ferguson:

"This Deed made this the 25 day of January 1887 By Joseph W. Mays to William B. Terguson both of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of forty dollars the said Joseph W. Mayse has this day granted and by these presents does grant unto the said William B. Ferguson with general warrantee all his right title and interest in a certain lot or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford near New hope Church on the North side of the main road leading from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville adjoining the lands of Mrs Eliza S. Wright and the Church and public School house lots and containing two Acres more or less, given under my hand and seal this the day and date before mentioned.

J. W. Mays

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

I John M Speece a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that J. W. Mays whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed

bearing date on the 25 January 1887 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 25 January 1887.

John M Speece
Notary Public

At Bedford County Court, January 25th 1887.

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to William B. Ferguson, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 25, 1887, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 68/242 J. W. Mays purchased 30 acres of land from B. Cantieri and P. Dante & E. Dante:

"This deed, made the 25 of May 1887, between B. Cantieri and P. Dante and E. Dante his wife of the first part, and J. W. Mays of the second part, Witnesseth that in consideration of ($375) Three hundred and seventy five Dollars in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part have bargained and sold, and hereby grant and convey to J. W. Mays a tract of land, lying in Bedford County on the Forest road about 6 miles from Lynchburg, being apart of the ract of land purchased from Thomas D. Murray, containing 30 acres, and bounded as follows: Beginning in the middle of the Forest road at Strine's corner at 1 on the plat hereto attached. Thence S 79 E. 743 feet at 2. Thence S 23 E 380 feet at 3, Thence S 19-1/2 E 860 feet at 4, cornering on Strine and Clay, Thence along Clay's line N 60-1/2 E 211 feet to within 10 feet of the South West side of the branch at 5 cornering on Clay and Frazier, Thence with Fraziers line N 29-1/4 W 15 feet at 6, Thence N 60-1/2 E. crossing the brach 500 feet 10 inches at 7, Thence N 29-1/4 W 2193 feet to the Middle of the Forest road at 8, Thence along the Middle of the Forest road, S 41 W. 826 feet to the beginning. From the plot of L. P. Rodes for B. Cantieri Nov. 1886 a 15 feet lane next to Clay's line, being 1/5 of an acre, was added to the Frazier tract, and a 4 feet strip from the Frazier tract was added to the Mays tract, making even 30 acres in Mays tract, and even 20 acres in the Frazier tract. To have and to hold the same with general warranty of title to J. W. Mays, his heirs Exors and assigns forever - except the easement in the Forest road included above, held by Bedford County.

In testimony whereof, the parties of the first part do hereto set their hand and affix their seals the day and year first above written

B. Cantieri
P. Dante
E. Dante

State of Virginia
City of Lynchburg to wit:

I, L. C. Talbot a Notary Public in and for the City of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia do certify that B. Cantieri whose name is signed to the foregoing deed dated the 25 of May 1887 this day personally appeared before me in my said City and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1887.

L. C. Talbot, N.P.

State of Virginia
City of Richmond, to wit:

I, Louis Rawlings, a Notary Public in and for the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia do certify that P. Dante and E. Dante his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed dated the 25 of May 1887 this day personally appeared before me in my said City and P. Dante acknowledged the same and E. Dante, his wife, being by me examined privily and apart from her Said husband and having said deed fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and that she does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 1st day of Octo 1887.

Louis Rawlings N.P.

[Plat]

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 12th, 1891.

This Deed from B. Cantieri and others to J. W. Mays, conveying real estate was produced in said Office, and, together with the certificates and plat thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On December 30, 1887, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 61/439 J. W. Mays joined C. W. Maupin, as commissioner, to sell 64 acres of land to Permelia Pearce:

"This Deed made this the 30th day of December 1887, between C. W Maupin Commissioner of the one part and Permelia Pearce of the other part: Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County made on the 30th day of November 1886, in the Chancery cause therein pending under the style of Meador & wife against Hawkins &c. it was amongst other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that the tract of land hereinafter mentioned should be sold by the Commissioner and on the terms therein stated, and said land was afterwards sold on the 2d day of November 1887; and at sale J. W. Mays became the purchaser thereof at the price of Four hundred dollars; and said sale was afterwards confirmed by said Court by a further decree made in said cause on the 1st day of December 1887, and afterwards, said Court by a further decree made in said cause on the 1st day of December 1887 did adjudge order and decree that the said C. W. Maupin, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, should convey said tract of land to the said J. W. Mays when he should have paid the whole of said purchase money, or to whom he should appoint by proper deed with special warranty; and whereas the said J. W. Mays was paid the whole of said purchase money to C. W. Maupin who was appointed a Receiver by said decree to collect the same and whereas the said J W Mays, has directed the said C W Maupin commissioner to convey said land to one Permelia Pearce as is evidenced by his signature hereto Now Therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises and of the payment of said purchase money, and in execution of the decree last aforesaid, the said C. W. Maupin as Commissioner doth grant and convey with special Warranty, unto the said Permelia Pearce all of the aforesaid lot or parcel of land being and lying on the North Side of Bedford County Virginia on the North side of the Norfolk & Western R.R. one mile east of Thaxtons switch, adjoining the lands of ____ Jones Fountain Hawkins estate and others, and containing Sixty four acres two roods and thirty four poles it being the same tract of land sold at the aforesaid

Judicial sale to said J W Mays, and by him directed to be conveyed to said Permelia Pearce. Witness the following signatures and seals

C W Maupin
J W. Mays

County of Bedford to wit

I John M Speece a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that C W Maupin whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 30th day of December 1887, has acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand, this 30th day of December 1887.

John M Speece N.P.

At Bedford County Court April 4th 1888.

This Deed from C. W. Maupin Commissioner and Joseph W Mays to Permelia Pearce, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified as to the said C W. Maupin Commissioner, acknowledged by the said Joseph W Mays and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles CBC"

On May 14, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 69/274 Joseph W. Mays purchased a lot in Bedford City from William P. and V. A. Wright:

"This Deed, made this 14th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, between William P. Wright and V. A. Wright his wife of the first part, and Joseph W. Mays of the second part: Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of four hundred Dollars, Cash in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part do hereby grant and convey unto the said Joseph W. Mays with covenants of general warranty the following-described real estate, to wit: a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the Western part of the Town of Bedford City in the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a point on the Lynchburg & Salem turnpike on Jeters line thence N. with Jeters line 210 ft to a corner stone, thence East 105 ft to corner Stone, thence S. 210 ft to Turnpike, thence West with Turnpike 105 feet to the beginning, being the same property conveyed to the said V. A. Wright by deed from H. W. Robertson and M. Lena Robertson, which deed is of record in Bedford County Court Clerks Office in Deed Book No. 69 & to which deed reference is here made And the said parties of the first part for

themselves and their heirs, do covenant and agree with the said Joseph W. Mays and his heirs and assigns in manner and form following, to wit: That the said V. A. Wright is seized in fee simple of the said tract or parcel of land, with its appurtenances aforesaid: That the said V. A. Wright hath good right and lawful power to convey the said tract or parcel of land, with its appurtenances to the said Joseph W. Mays in fee simple: That the said Joseph W. Mays and his heirs and assigns, shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the said land, and its appurtenances aforesaid, forever: That the said tract or parcel of land, with its appurtenances aforesaid, is free from all incumbrances and charges whatsoever: and That the said parties of the first part will execute such further assurances of and for the said land, and its appurtenances, as may be requisite to make the title thereto of the said Joseph W. Mays his heirs and assigns, sure and complete for ever. Witness the following signatures and seals.

W. P. Wright
V. A. Wright

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Robt S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that William P. Wright and V. A. Wright whose names are signed to the within writing, bearing date on the 14th day of May 1892, have acknowledged the same before me in the Clerk's Office of said Court. Given under my hand this 14th day of May 1892.

R. S. Quarles, Clk.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 24th, 1892.

This Deed from William P. Wright and wife to Joseph W. Mays, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 11, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 71/34 Joseph W. Mays purchased a number of lots from the Liberty Perpetual Building & Loan Company:

"This Deed made this 11th day of November, 1892, between Picton L. Saunders, John M. Speece and O. C. Rucker, Trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building & Loan Company, parties of the first part, and Joseph W. Mays of the other part, Witnesseth: That whereas on the 14th day of March, 1891, the Bedford City

Land & Improvement Company, by deed of that date, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County in deed book No. 67, page 68, conveyed to the parties of the first part a certain tract or parcel of land, containing 96 or 97 acres, and being the same parcel of land conveyed to the Bedford City L & I. Co. by John S. Kasey and wife by deed bearing date the 2d day of June, 1890, of record in the said Clerk's office in deed book No. 65, page 22, with certain exceptions in said last named deed mentioned, to which deed reference is made for a more particular description of said land, in trust to secure to the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company the debt in said first deed mentioned: And whereas after the date of said last deed, the said Bedford City L & I. Co. cut up and divided said parcel of lad ino lots of certain dimensions, a plat and survey of which is filed in the Bedford County Court Clerk's office in deed book No. 68, page 254, to which reference is had for a full description of the dimensions of said lots; And whereas the said Bedford City L. & I. Co. has made default in the payment of the money secured in said deed of trust nd the Liberty Perpetual Building & Loan Co., by request in writing of its President and Secretary, under a resolutaion of the Board of Directors, directed said trustees to make sale of said land in lots; and whereas said trustees, after having duly advertised the time, terms and place of sale did, on the 3rd day of November, 1892, at public auction proceed to make sale of said lots of land, at which said sale Joseph W. Mays became the purchaser of lots Nos. 18-19-20-21-22 in block No. 7 and the whole of Block 10 said lots Nos 18 to 22 in Block No. 7 fronting on Vine Street, and Block No. 10 bounded by Marshall, Lamar & Spruce Streets and the property of H. B. Calburn but for the dimensions of said lots and each of them, and the streets on which they front reference is had to the plat and survey above mentioned, for the price of $122.00. And whereas he has paid in cash $122.00, being all of purchase money. Now, Therefore, in Consideration of the premises and of $5. in hand paid, and in pursuance of the deed of trust aforesaid, the said Picton L. Saunders John M. Speece and O. C. Rucker trustees as aforesaid, have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey with covenants of special warranty unto said Joseph W Mays all of the following described lots, to wit: Lots Nos. 18-19-20-21-22 in block 7 and the whole of Block 10, to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever in fee simple; Witness the following signatures and seals this 11th day of November, 1892.

P. L. Saunders, trustee
John M. Speece, trustee
O. C. Rucker, trustee

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, S.S.

I John Buckner a Notary public in and for the County and Stae aforesaid, do certify that P. L. Saunders trustee, John M Speece trustee and O. C. Rucker trustee, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed beaing date on the 11th day of November 1892, have each acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid Given under my hand this the 14th day of November 1892

John Buckner N.P.

At Bedford County Court, March 1st, 1893.

This Deed from P. L. Saunders and others, Trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company, to Joseph W. Mays conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C"

On July 14, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 72/217 Joseph W. Mays sold 60 acres of land to Fannie F. Holland:

"This Deed, made this 14th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, between Joseph W. Mays of the first part, and Fannie F. Holland of the second part - Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to bear interest from 1st Jany. 1895 at 6% per annum the said Joseph W. Mays doth grant unto the said Fannie F. Holland, with General Warranty, all that part of the tract of land of said Mays in Bedford County, Va. lying on the North side of the road from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville and supposed to be about sixty acres, more or less and being part of a tract which was conveyed to said Mays by Robert Wright by deed admitted to record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office 26th Feby. 1844. See Deed Book E.E. Page 29. The said Joseph W. Mays covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances, and that he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. A Lien is hereby retained for the said $300 with interest as aforesaid. Witness the following signature and seal.

J. W. Mays

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 14th 1894.

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to Fannie F. Holland, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said Joseph W. Mays, and admitted to record.

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On July 14, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 72/218 Joseph W. Mays sold 60 acres of land to Fannie F. Holland:

"This Deed, made this 14th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, between Joseph W. Mays of the first part, and Fannie F. Holland of the second part. Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, in hand paid the said Joseph W Mays doth grant unto the said Fannie F. Holland, with General Warranty, all that part of the tract of land of said Mays in Bedford Co. lying on the South Side of the road from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville and supposed to be about sixty acres, be the same more or less & being part of a tract which was conveyed to said Mays by Robert Wright by Deed admitted to record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office 26th Feby. 1844. See Deed Book E.E. Page 29. But the family Graveyard on the said 60 acres hereby conveyed is expressly exempted and not conveyed, and the said Graveyard is to contain one full half acre & that half acre is to run to the public road on the north of the Graveyard, including the Graveyard, and said Mays reserves the right of designating the boundaries of said half acre & when so designated by him it is to remain so perpetually. The said Joseph W. Mays covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances, and that he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signature and seal.

J W Mays

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 14th, 1894.

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to Fannie F Holland, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said Joseph W. Mays, and admitted to record

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On May 24, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 73/232 J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper purchased two parcels of land from J. L. Campbell, as special commissioner:

> "This Deed made this 24th day of May, 1895, between J. L. Campbell, Special Commissioner, of the one part, and J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper, of the other part, Witnesseth Whereas by decree entered in the suit of Jeter, &c. v. Jeter, &c. on the 27th day of October, 1894, in the Circuit Court of Bedford County, the said party of the first part was appointed a Commissioner to make sale of so much of the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned as was not assigned for dower to the widow Mary J. Jeter, and to make sale of the reversion in the dower tract so assigned to said widow; and whereas said first mentioned tract of 174-1/4 acres as hereinafter more particularly described was sold on the 22d day of December, 1894 at the price of $3.00 per acre to the said J. W. Mays; and the reversion in the dower of 48-3/4 acres, hereinafter described was sold at the price of $2.10 per acre; and whereas by decree of the 21st day of May, 1895, said sales were confirmed by said Court, and said party of the first part was direced to withdraw the bonds of the purchasers and collect the same, and upon payment to convey said land to the purchaser or to whomsoever he should appoint; and whereas said parties of the second part have paid said bonds for the purchase money in full; and whereas said J. W. Mays desires conveyance of said to be made to said John A. Cooper and himself jointly; Now, Therefore in consideration of the premises and of Five Dollars, the said party of the first part doth grant and convey with special warranty unto said parties of the second part, all of the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit:
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> Tirst. 174-1/4 acres of land situated, lying and being about thirteen miles Southwest of Bedford City, on Huddleston's Tanyard road one milee from Simmons Mill, being so much of the land whereof F. H. Jeter died seised and possessed as was not allotted as dower in said suit
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> Second. The reversion in 48-3/4 acres of land adjacent to tract No. 1 being so much of the land whereof F. H. Jeter died seised and possessed as was allotted as dower to the widow Mary J. Jeter, being all of said 48-3/4 acres after the life estate assigned to the said Mary J. Jeter. And the aforegoing tracts of land are conveyed subject to a right of way across the same from the land of B. R. Jeter lying on the West of the land hereby conveyed, and subject to the reservation of the burial ground on said dower tract, estimated at one-eighth of an acre, with right of ingress and egress from said burial lot across the tracts hereby conveyed. Witness the following signature and seal.
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> J. Lawrence Campbell
> Spl. Commissioner.

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I Graham Claytor a Comr. in Chancery for Bedford Circuit Court hereby certify that J. L. Campbell, whose name is sined to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 24th day of May, 1895, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 25 day of May 1895.

Graham Claytor
Comr. in chy.

At Bedford County Court, August 31st, 1895.

This Deed from J. Lawrence Campbell, Special Commissioner to J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On May 29, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 72/341 Joseph W. Mays sold certain parcels of land to William H. and Lucy J. McGhee:

"Whereas Joseph W. Mays is the owner of a certain lot or parcel or parcel of land situated in Bedford County, Virginia, near to and West of the Corporation of Bedford City, designated on Plat No. 2 of lots of the Bedford City Land and Improvement Company as Block 10, and Lucy J. McGhee is the owner of a certain other lot or parcel of land situated in Bedford County, Virginia, near to and West of the said Corporation of Bedford City designated on said Plat No 2 of the lots of said Bedford City Land and Improvement Company as Block 5 (except the Kasey house and lot), and whereas the said Joseph W. Mays has agreed to sell the whole of the said Block 10 to the said Lucy J. McGhee in consideration of the payment to him of the sum of Sixty dollars and the conveyance to him by the said Lucy J. McGhee of one undivided half of that part of said Block 5 lying north of the branch whereon there are two ice ponds, and the said Lucy J. McGhee has agreed in consideration of the conveyance to her by the said Joseph W. Mays of the whole of said Block 10 to pay to the said Joseph W. Mays the sum of Sixty dollars and to convey to the said Joseph W. Mays the said one undivided half of that part of Block 5 lying North of the branch whereon there are two ice-ponds. Now, therefore, This Deed made this 29th day of May, 1894, between Joseph W. Mays, of the first part, and Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband of the second part, witnesseth; that for and in consideration of the premises and of the payment by the said Lucy J. McGhee to the said Joseph W. Mays of the sum of Sixty dollars, the receipt of which is

hereby acknowledged, and the conveyance by the said Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband, to the said Joseph W. Mays of the said one undivided half of that part of Block 5 lying North of the branch whereon there are two ice-ponds, the said Joseph W. Mays hath bargained and sold, and doth by these presents, grant and convey unto the said Lucy J. McGhee all that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Bedford County, Virginia, lying near to and West of the Corporation of Bedford City designated on Plat No. 2 of lots of the Bedford City Land and Improvement Company as Block No. 10, bounded by Marshall, Lamar and Spruce Streets and the property of H. B. Colburn; being the same property conveyed, amongst other property to the said Joseph W. Mays by the Trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company by deed bearing date the 11th day of November, 1892, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, in Deed Book No. 71, at page 34; to which reference may be had for a more particular description of the said lot or parcel of land. And the said Joseph W. Mays for himself and his heirs, doth covenant and agree with the said Lucy J. McGhee and her heirs and assigns, in manner and form following, to wit: That the said Joseph W. Mays is seized in fee simple of the said lot or parcel of land, with its appurtenances aforesaid, that he has good right and lawful power to convey the said lot or parcel of land, with its appurtenances, to the said Lucy J. McGhee in fee simple; that the said Lucy J. McGhee and her heirs and assigns shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the said lot or parcel of land, with its appurtenances aforesaid, forever, and that the said lot or parcel of land, with its appurtenances aforesaid, is free from all encumbrances and charges whatsoever; and that he, the said Joseph W Mays, will execute such further assurances of and for the said lot or parcel of land and its appurtinances as may be requisite to make the title of the said Lucy J. McGhee and her heirs and assigns sure and complete forever. And the said Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband, for and in consideration of the premises and of the conveyance aforesaid and of One dollar cash in hand paid by the said Joseph W. Mays to the said Lucy J. McGhee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and do, by these presents, grant and convey unto the said Joseph W. Mays one undivided half of that part of block numbered 5 on Plat No. 2 of lots of the Bedford City Land and Improvement Company, lying North of the branch whereon there are two ice-ponds said lot or parcel of land hereby conveyed, being part of the lot or parcel of land lying adn being in Bedford County, Virginia, near to and West of the Corporation of Bedford City, and being the same conveyed, amongst other property, to the said Lucy J. McGhee by the Trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company, by deed bearing date the 11th day of November 1892 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, in Deed Book No. 70, at page 289, as Block 5, except the Kasey house and lot; to which deed reference is here made for a more particular description of the said lot or parcel of land. And the said Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband for themselves and their heirs, do covenant and agree with the said

Joseph W. Mays and his heirs and assigns in manner and form following, to wit; That the said Lucy J. McGhee is seized in fee simple of the said lot or parcel of land herein conveyed, with its appurtenances aforesaid; that the said Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband, have good right and lawful power to convey the said lot or parcel of land herein conveyed, with its appurtenances, to the said Joseph W. Mays in fee simple; that the said Joseph W. Mays and his heirs and assigns shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the said lot or parcel of land herein conveyed, with its appurtenances aforesaid, forever; that the said lot or parcel of land herein conveyed, with its appurtenances aforesaid, is free from all encumbrances and charges whatsoever; and that the said Lucy J. McGhee and William H. McGhee, her husband will execute such further assurances of and for the said lot or parcel of land herein conveyed and its appurtenances as may be requisite to make the title of the said Joseph W Mays and his heirs and assigns sure and complete forever. Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. W. Mays
L. J. McGhee
W. H. McGhee

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, James W. McGhee a Notary Public in and for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that Joseph W. Mays Lucy J. McGhee William H McGhee whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 29th day of May 1894, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, to be their act and deed. Given under my hand this 1st day of May 1894.

J. W. McGhee N.P.

At Bedford County Court September 25th, 1894

This Deed of exchange of real estate between Joseph W Mays and Lucy McGhee and her husband William H. McGhee, was produced in court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On December 6, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 73/362 Joseph W. Mays purchased 150 acres of land from H. C. Lowry, as special commissioner:

"This Deed made the 6 day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four between H. C. Lowry a special Commissioner of the first part, and Joseph W. Mays of the second part. Whereas in the chancery suit of Anderson against Dearing &c lately pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County, the said H. C. Lowry was substituted Commissioner in the place of the late James O. Hensley to convey the tract of land therein mentioned to the said Joseph W. Mays, who had purchased the same at a Judicial sale made under an order in the said suit of Anderson against Dearing &c; Now therefore this deed witnesseth in consideration of the premises, and for the further consideration of five dollars, the said H. C. Lowry as special Commissioner in the said suit, has granted bargained sold and conveyed, and he does by this presents grant bargain sell and convey with special warranty to the said Joseph W. Mays a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford Virginia about sixteen miles south west of Bedford City on Kates creek and adjoining the lands of Henry Preas and others: The said tract of land contains one hundred and fifty acres, more or less; and it is the same tract of land sold to one Jubal Anderson by one Josiah H. Nimmo, and conveyed to the said Anderson by deed bearing date the 7th day of June 1851, and recorded in deed book No. 35 at page 367 to which deed reference is hereby made for the metes and bounds courses and distances of the tract of land herein conveyed. Witness the following seal & signature.

H. C. Lowry
Spl. Comr.

County of Bedford, to Wit:

I, Rowland D. Buford, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that H. C. Lowry, Commissioner, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 6th day of December, 1894, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1894.

R. D. Buford, C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court, December 7th, 1895.

This Deed from H. C. Lowry, special Commissioner, to Joseph W. Mays, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On February 2, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 72/567 Jos. W. Mays joined numerous other parties in releasing the Jeter Female Institute from a restriction on the use of its land:

> "Whereas the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company did by deed bearing date on the 13th day of March, 1891, convey unto the Jeter Female Institute a lot or parcel of land near the town of Bedford City, Va., containing about seven acres - being parcel of the Kasey tract - which deed contains a clause in the words and figures following, to wit:
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> "And the said Jeter Female Institute, by accepting this deed, covenants and agrees that it will erect on said lot or parcel of land, with all convenient speed during the present year a brick building to be used as a Female School, to cost not less than twenty thousand dollars, and said land and buildings shall be used for the purposes of said School and for no other purpose;"
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> in which clause the words "and the said land and buildings shall be used for the purposes of said school, and for no other purpose" were inserted without the authority from the Board of Directors of said Company and contrary to its agreement with the Jeter Female Institute. And the Board of Directors of said Company did, by its preamble and resolution adopted on the 31st day of January 1895, (a copy of which is hereto annexed as a part of this deed), authorize, empower, and direct the President of said Company, for and on behalf of the Company to execute and deliver to the Jeter Female Institute, or its successors or assigns a deed of release from all obligations to keep or perform that portion of the covenant contained in said clause which requires that "the said land and buildings shall be used for the purposes of said school and for no other purpose;"
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> And Whereas all the purchaser of any portion of the Burks and Kasey tracts of land, formerly owned by said Company, are likewise willing to release said Jeter Female Institute, its successors and assigns from all obligation to keep or perform the above mentioned portion of the covenant aforesaid, and to surrender all interest or estate of any kind, if any they have, in said lot of about seven acres of land so conveyed as aforesaid to the said Jeter Female Institute;
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> Now Therefore, this Deed made this the 2d day of February 1895, between the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company, and A. C. Hatcher, J. W. Ballard, Wm. H. McGhee, Mrs Rebecca T. Miller, Jos. W. Mays, G. C. Jeter, W. C. Tate, Kate S. Burks, Mrs. Fannie C. Kasey, T. D. Berry, W. L. Bush, R. B. Claytor, Mrs. Lucy J. McGhee, Rebecca Tate, Mary E. Parker, J. A. Clark, J. M. Berry, Jesse L. Walker, Jas. W. Walker, Alonzo T. Walker, of the first part, and the Jeter Female Institute, of the second part, Witnesseth, That in consideration of the premises and of the sum of ten dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is

hereby acknowledged, the said Bedford City Land & Improvement Company and A. C. Hatcher, J. W. Ballard, Wm. H. McGhee, Rebeca Tate, Mrs. Rebecca T. Miller, Jos W. Mays, G. C. Jeter, W. C. Tate, Kate S. Burks, Mrs. Fannie C. Kasey, T. D. Berry, W. L. Bush, R. B. Claytor, Mrs. Lucy J. McGhee, Mary E. Parker, J. A. Clark, J. M. Berry, Jesse L. Walker, Jas. W. Walker and Alonzo T. Walker, do by presents forever release, acquit and discharge the said Jeter Female Institute, its successors and assigns, from all obligation to keep or perform so much of the covenant aforesaid as requires that "the said land and buildings shall be used for the purposes of said school and for no other purpose", and do grant, release and convey unto the Jeter Female Institute, its successors and assigns forever, all the estate and interest of every kind (if any they have) which they, or any or either of them, have in said tract of about seven acres of land, so conveyed as aforesaid to the said Jeter Female Institute by the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company, by said Deed bearing date the 13th day of March, 1891, which is of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford County, Va. Witness the following signatures and seals the seal of the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company being hereto affixed by J. Lawrence Campbell, President of said Company and attested by J. W. Gish, Secretary.

Teste,
J. W. Gish, Secy.

Bedford City Land & Improvement Co.
By J. Lawrence Campbell, President
A. C. Hatcher
J. W. Ballard
W. H. McGhee
Mrs. R. F. Miller
J. W. Mays
T. D. Berry
G. C. Jeter
W. C. Tate
Kate S. Burks
Mrs. Fannie C. Kasey
W. L. Bush
R. B. Claytor
Lucy J. McGhee
Rebecca Tate
J. A. Clark
J. M. Berry
Jesse L. Walker
James W. Walker
Alonzo T. Walker
Mary E. Parker
By O. C. Rucker her atty in fact

Bedford County To wit:

I, J. W. McGhee a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, do certify that J. L. Campbell, President of the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 2d day of February, 1895, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid; and acknowledged said writing to be his act and that the foregoing deed was executed by him as and for the deed of the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company. Given under my hand this 4th day of Feb 1895.

J. W. McGhee, N.P.

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford to wit:

I, J. W. McGhee a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, hereby certify that A. C. Hatcher, J. W. Ballard, W. H. McGhee, Mrs. R. F. Miller, J. W. Mays, T. D. Berry, G. C. Jeter, W. C. Tate, Kate S. Burks, Fannie C. Kasey, W. L. Bush, R. B. Claytor, Lucy McGhee, Rebecca Tate, J. A. Clark, Jessie L. Walker, J. M. Berry, Jas. W. Walker, Alonzo T. Walker & Mary E. Parker By O. C. Rucker her atturney whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 2d day of February, 1895, have acknowledged the same before in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 16 day of March 1895

J. W. McGhee N.P.

I Mary E Parker do hereby constitute and appoint O. C. Rucker my lawful attorney and authorize him for me and in my stead to sign and acknowledge a deed to the Jeter Female Institute releasing and discharging the said Jeter Female Institute, its successors, and assigns from all obligation to keep or perform in whole or in part so much of the covenant in a deed from the Bedford City Land and Improvement Co dated March 13th 1891, as stipulates that "the said land and buildings shall be used for the purposes of said school and for no other purpose," and conveying all interest (if any I have) in the said land and buildings to the said Jeter Female Institute. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of February 1895.

Mary E. Parker

Virginia Franklin County, to wit:

I, D. H. Berger a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid do certify that Mary E. Parker whose name is Signed to the above writing bearing date on

the 14th day of February 1895 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14th day of February 1895.

D. H. Berger, J.P.

Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Bedford City Land & Improvement Company at meeting held Jany 31 1895.

"Whereas the deed executed by the Bedford City Land and Improvement Company, to the Jeter Female Institute conveying Site for its buildings contained a covenant stipulating that the property should be used for a Female School and for no other purpose, and whereas such covenant was inserted in said deed without authority from this Board, and is not in accord with the agreement of this Company with the said Jeter Female Institute, and has been construed to cast a cloud on the title of the property so conveyed, therefore

Resolved, that the President of this Company be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed for, and on of this Company, to execute, and deliver to the Jeter Female Institute or its successors, or assigns, a deed of release from all obligations to keep, or perform in whole or in part a covenant contained in the deed from this Company to said Jeter Female Institute bearing date on the 13th day of March 1891, which covenant among other things, provides that the lot conveyed by said deed and the building to be erected thereon, should be used for the purposes of the Female School mentioned in said Covenant and for no other purpose."

A true Copy
J. W. Gish, Secy
of Bedford City _____

Bedford County Court Clerks Office March 16th 1895

This Deed from Bedford City Land and Improvement Co by J. L. Campbell its President, A. C. Hatcher, J. W. Ballard, Wm H. McGhee, Mrs. Rebecca F. Miller, Jos. W. Mays, G. C. Jeter W. C. Tate, Kate S. Burks, Mrs. Fannie C. Kasey, W. L. Bush, R. B. Claytor Lucy J. McGhee, Rebecca Tate, J. A. Clark, J. M. Berry, Jesse L. Walker, James W. Walker, Alonzo T. Walker and Mary E. Parker by O. C. Rucker her attorney in fact to Jeter Female Institute, releasing and conveying interest in real estate, with the papers thereto attached was produced in said Office, with the certificates of acknowledgment annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On August 30, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 73/233 J. W. Mays purchased 68-5/7 acres of land from O. C. Rucker:

"This Deed made this the 30th day of August 1895, between O. C. Rucker, Commissioner of the one part, and J. W. Mays of the other part: Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County made on the 10th day of June 1895, in the Chancery Cause therein pending under the style of Rucker Comr. against Pender &c. it was, amongst other things adjudged, ordered and decreed that the tract of land hereinafter mentioned should be sold by the Commissioner and on the terms therein stated, and said land was afterwards so sold on the 9th day of September 1893; and at such sale the said J. W. Mays became the purchaser thereof at the price of Nine Dollars per acre; and said sale was afterwards confirmed by said court by a further decree made in said cause on the 25th day of October 1893, and afterwards all of the purchase money for said land having been fully paid, said court, by a further decree made in the said cause on the 27th day of May 1895 did adjudge, order and decree that the said O. C. Rucker who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, should convey said tract of land to the said J. W. Mays or to whom he should appoint by proper deed with Special Warranty: Now Therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, and of the payment of said purchase money, and in execution of the decree last aforesaid the said O. C. Rucker, Commissioner doth grant and convey, with Special Warranty, unto the said J. W. Mays all of that certain tract of land situate about one mile west of Bedford City on the North side of the Lynchburg and Salem turnpike adjoining the lands of W. M. Wheeler, W. O. Ross and others containing 68-5/7 acres, it being a part of the Colburn tract. Witness the following signature and seal.

O. C. Rucker, Comr.

County of Bedford, To-Wit:

I, Wm Eubank a Notary Public for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that O. C. Rucker Comr. whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 30th day of August 1895 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand, this the 30th day of August 1895

Wm Eubank, N.P.

At Bedford County Court August 31st, 1895.

This Deed from O. C. Rucker, Commissioner, to J. W. Mays, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax $1.00 Pd. Teste,
Fee $1.25 Pd) R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On August 29, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 74/206 J. W. Mays sold 1 acre of land to J. H. Johnson:

"This Deed, made this 29th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six between J. W. Mays of the first part, and J. H. Johnson of the second part - Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said J. W. Mays do grant unto the said J. H. Johnson with General Warranty, One square Acre of Land, lying & being in the County of Bedford on the Lynchburg & Salem Turnpike Road, about one mile West of Bedford City, beginning at a Stone at Corner of Woods on said Road, thence with said Woods the debdth of an acre, thence one acre in width in an easterly direction, thence back to said turnpike road; thence along said road in a westerly direction to the begining (the said lot of land is part of the lands formerly belonging to the late Col. John W. Holt). The said J. W. Mays covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances, and that he the said party of the first part will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signature and seal.

J. W. Mays

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Rowland D. Buford, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Joseph W. Mays, whose name is signed to the within writing, bearing date on the 29th day of August 1896, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 29th day of August, 1896.

R. D. Buford, N.P.

At Bedford County Court, August 29th, 1896.

This Deed from J. W. Mays to J. H. Johnson, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax 50¢ Pd. Teste
Fee $1.25 Pd.) R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On September 14, 1897, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 75/480 J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper purchased the dower interest of Mary J. Jeter in 48 acres of land:

"This Deed made this 14th day of September, 1897, between Mary J. Jeter, party of the first part, and J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper, parties of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of One hundred and sixty dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth grant and convey with general warranty unto the said parties of the second part all her right, title and interest in and to the following tract or parcel of land, being her dower in the estate of her husband, the late F. H. Jeter, allotted to her in the suit of Jeter, &c. v. Jeter, &c. pending in Bedford Circuit Court; to wit, her life estate in that certain tract or parcel of land, located in Bedford County state of Virginia, of the following metes, bounds, courses and distances: Beginning at a large white oak in Preas' line, Thence off a new line S. 11.75 W. at 52 poles Xing a branch near a Spring, 84 poles Xing a road near the barn, 102 poles Xing a branch, in all 122 poles to 2 pointer sorrels on a ridge Thence S. 88.75 W. at 56 poles Xing a branch below the ice pond, in all 80 poles to a stake Thence N. 2.75 W. 40.60 poles to a large white oak, supposed to be in Preas' line Thence with Preas' line N. 44.50 E. 120 poles to a large white oak. Thence S. 87 E 19.60 poles to the beginning, containing 48 acres, 3 roods and 15 poles. And the said party of the first part covenants that she has done no act to encumber said land, that she has the right to convey said land to the grantee, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of said land free from encumbrances, and that she will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal.

Witness Mary J. Jeter
Jas. R. Stewart.

State of Kansas Rice Co.

Be It Remembered that on this 29th day of September A.D. 1897 before me the undersigned a Notary Public In and for the County of Rice State of Kansas, Foresaid, Came Mary J. Jeter who is Personally known to Me to be The same

Person who executed the within Instrument of writing and such person does duly acknowledge The Execution of the same

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my Official Seal The day and year last above written.

Elmer Brown
Notary Public

[My Commission expires July 15" 1901]

At Bedford County Court, November 22nd, 1897

This Deed from Mary J. Jeter to J. W. Mays and John A. Cooper, conveying her life estate in a tract of land in Bedford County, was produced in Court, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and ordered to be recorded.

(Tax 50¢ Pd
Fee $1.25 Pd)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On April 23, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/365 J. W. Mays sold 3 acres of land to Edmund Johnson:

"This Deed made this 23rd day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety Eight, between Joseph W. Mays of the first part, and Edmund Johnson Cold of the second part - Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Forty five Dollars, the said J. W. Mays does grant unto the said Edmund Johnson with General Warranty, all that lot of land Situated in the County of Bedford State of Virginia lying on the North side of the Lynchburg & Salem Turnpike about One Mile West of Bedford City adjoining the lands of W. M. Wheeler J. W. Mays &c. Containing 3 Acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at a Corner on Road, (Wheelers) Thence near North Course to Corner Rock, in Wheelers line, thence near West to Corner Rock in Mays line - Thence near South to a gate post on Road - Thence with the Road to the beginning - The said J. W. Mays covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he hath done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances and that he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. W. Mays

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to-wit:

I, C. C. Keeth, Deputy for Rowland D. Buford, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. W. Mays whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 23rd day of April, 1898, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid and in the Clerk's Office of said Court. Given under my hand this 25th day of April, 1898.

C. C. Keeth, D.C.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, August 1st 1898.

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to Edmund Johnson conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and admitted to record.

(Tax 50¢ Pd
Fee $1.25 Pd)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On June 1, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/462 Joseph W. Mays gifted a house and lot in Bedford City to Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Jeter:

"This Deed made the 1st day of June 1898 between Rowland D. Buford, Trustee, of the first part, Joseph W. Mays of the second part, and Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Jeter of the third part, Witnesseth; that whereas on the 2nd day of Decr. 1891 and the 2d day of November 1892 William A. Vaughan made two Deeds of Trust conveying to said Buford, Trustee, a certain house and lot in the town of Bedford City Va., bounded as follows: Seventy feet on the North by Franklin Street, 144 feet on the East by another lot of said Vaughan, 35 feet on the South by lot of W. T. Fitzpatrick and 125 feet on the West by South Street. (See D.B. 68 p 298 & D.B. 70 p 257) to secure the payment to said Mays of the aggregate sum of $600.00 with interest thereon - being money loaned by said Mays to said Vaughan - And whereas said Vaughan made default in the payment of the principal & interest due said Mays (the amt. due said Mays prin. & int. of said $600. being on 7th May 1898 $635.15) and said Mays required the Trustee Buford to advertise & sell the said lot of land; and whereas said Buford, Trustee, after giving due notice of the time, terms and place of sale, sold said house and lot on the 7th day of May 1898 on the premises at public auction to the said Joseph W. Mays for the sum of $560. he being the highest bidder therefor. And whereas the said Mays has requested the said Buford, Trustee, to comvey said house and lot to his (Mays') nieces Miss Lula E Jeter & Miss Laura E M Jeter signified by his signing and acknowledging this Deed. Now therefore, in accordance with the request of the said Mays and in consideration of the said

sum of $560. the said Rowland D. Buford, Trustee doth hereby grant and convey, with special warranty unto the said Miss Lula E Jeter & Miss Laura E. M Jeter the house and lot aforesaid. Witness the following signatures and seals this 1st day of June 1898.

R. D. Buford, Trustee,
J. W. Mays.

Bedford County, to wit:

I, Wm. Eubank, a Notary Public for said County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that R. D. Buford, Trustee, and Joseph W. Mays, whose names are signed to the foregoing Deed, bearing date on the 1st day of June, 1898, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 5th of September, 1898.

Wm. Eubank, N.P.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 5th 1898.

This Deed from R. D. Buford, Trustee and Joseph W. Mays to Miss Lula E Jeter and Miss Laura E M Jeter, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and being stamped according to law, is admitted to record.

(Tax $1.00 pd. Teste
Clk $1.25 pd) R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On December 12, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 77/270 Joseph W. Mays sold 2 acres of land to Martha Payne:

"This Deed, Made this the 12th day of Decr in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, between Joseph W. Mays of the first part, and Martha Payne of the second part Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Thirty Dollars, the said Joseph W. Mays do grant unto the said Martha Payne with General Warranty, Two Acres of Land, lying and being in the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, situated about One Mile West of Bedford City, on the North side of the Lynchburg and Salem Turnpike & Bounded as follows. Beginning at Stake, N.W Corner to lot No 1 (Johnsons Corner) Thence N. 14 E. 13.95 pls. to a stake - New Corner to Mays, Thence S. 63 E. 24 pls. to a stake in Wheelers line Thence with Wheeler's line S. 21-1/2 W. 13.48 pls. to N.E. Corner lot No. 1, Thence with line of lot No. 1 N. 63 W. 22.16 pls to begining. The said Joseph W. Mays covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet

possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances, and that that, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal.

J. W. Mays

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to-wit:

I, C. C. Keeth, Deputy for Rowland D. Buford, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Joseph W. Mays, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 12th day of December, 1898, hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, and in the Clerk's Office of the said Court. Given under my hand this 12th day of December, 1898.

C. C. Keeth, D.C.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 22nd, 1899.

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays to Martha Payne, conveying real estate was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and admitted to record.

(Tax 50¢ Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On October 9, 1899, at Bedford County Virginia, D.B. 78/554 J. W. Mays sold 3 acres of land to Charles Coats:

"This Deed, made this ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, between J. W. Mays of the first part and Charles Coats of the Second part -

Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Twenty ($20-) Dollars the said J. W. Mays doth grant unto the said Charles Coats, (Three Acres of land) Situated in Bedford County with General Warranty, adjoining the lands of James Payne on the South on the West by a a road leading from Lynchburg & Salem pike Xing R.R. & going to the place recently owned by T. D. Berry and also adjoining W. M. Wheeler on the East and on West by the lands of J. W. Mays

The said J. W. Mays covenants that he hath the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances and that he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following Signatures and Seal

J. W. Mays

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Charles L. Ayres, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. W. Mays whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the ninth day of October, 1899, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 10th day of October, 1899.

C. L. Ayres, N.P.

At Bedford County Court, March 6th, 1900

This Deed from J.W. Mays to Charles Coats, conveying real estate, being produced in Court, certified is ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia and Bedford County, Virginia, Genealogical Records listed the date of death of Malinda (Wright) Mays as August 10, 1879, and of Joseph Wright Mays as on March 5, 1900, and Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia also stated that Joseph Wright Mays was buried at the Mays Family Cemetery near the Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia.

The inventory and appraisement for the estate of Joseph W. Mays was recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/492 in 1900 and an accounting was recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/543 in 1901.

On May 7, 1900, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 82/566 the estate of Joseph W. Mays sold 100 to 150 acres of land to E. M. Creasy:

"This Deed made this 7th day of May, 1900, between Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Jeter, parties of the first part, and E. M. Creasey, party of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of $400., $50. cash, and the balance in equal instalments at one, two, three and four years, with interest, the payment of which is secured by a deed of trust of even date with this deed, do hereby grant, sell, and convey unto the said party of the second part all that certain tract or parcel of land in Bedford County, lying on the road from Chamblissburg to Franklin's Mill, about eighteen miles Southwest of Bedford City, containing from 100 to 150 acres of land, be the same more or less, said land being known as the Anderson Tract, lying on Kate's creek near Beaver Dam Creek, adjoining the lands of Henry Preas, John Saunders, Rowe. Carner, Mrs. ____ Foster, and Mrs. Ann Bowles, being all of the tract of land owned by the late Joseph W. Mays at said place, and inherited by said parties of the first part from the said Mays as his only heirs at law; and being the same land that was conveyed to the said Joseph W. Mays by H. C. Lowry, Commissioner, by deed dated the 17th day of February, 1883, of record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, in Deed Book No. 55, page 522.

And it is understood and agreed that the land hereby conveyed is taken as such part as may remain in the said Joseph W. Mays of the tract mentioned in said last mentioned deed, should he have parted with any part, and is sold as a whole, and not at so much per acre. Possession of said land to be delivered on the 31st day of December, 1900, and the rent for the current year is to be received by said parties of the first part, who are to pay the taxes therefor up to and including the present year.

And the said parties of the first part hereby covenant that they have a right to convey said land; that they have done no act to encumber the same and the same is free from all encumbrances, that said party of the second part shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the same, and they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Lula E Jeter
Laura E. M Jeter

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, J. Lawrence Campbell, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, hereby certify that Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Jeter, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 7th day of May, 1900, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 8th day of May, 1900.

J. Lawrence Campbell
Comr in Chy, Bed. Cir. Court

Virginia:
In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 8th, 1902.

This Deed from Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Jeter, to E. M. Creasey, conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, certified and stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp, canceled, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On June 2, 1903, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 84/502 the estate of Joseph W. Mays sold a lot of land to Faymont A. Carter:

"This Deed made this 2nd day of June, 1903, between Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Davidson and J. T. Davidson, her husband, parties of the first part, and Faymont A. Carter, party of the second part:

Witnesseth Whereas the said Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Davidson inherited of J. W. Mays, as his sole heirs, the lot or parcel of land hereby conveyed, and thereafter sold said lot or parcel of land to the party of the second part, in consideration of $350., payable part cash and part on time:

And whereas the said party of the second part has paid in full for said land:

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the payment of said sum of $350., the said parties of the first part do grant and convey with general warranty, to the said Faymont A. Carter, all of that certain lot or parcel of land lying on the Lynchburg & Salem Turnpike, near the Western limits of Bedford City, Virginia, located on the North side of said turnpike, and described as follows: to wit:

Beginning at a point on the Lynchburg & Salem Turnpike on Jeter's line: thence North with the Jeter line 210 feet to a corner stone: thence East 105 feet to a corner stone: thence South 210 feet to turnpike: thence West with turnpike 105 feet to the beginning, together with improvements thereon, being the same lot or parcel of ground conveyed to the said J. W. Mays by V. A. Wright and Wm. P. Wright, her husband, by deed dated the 14th day of May, 1892, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court, in Deed Book No. 69, page 274, to which reference is hereby made for a fuller description.

And the said Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M Davidson covenant that they are seized in fee simple of said land: that they have done no act to encumber the same and the said land is free from encumbrance: that the said party of the second part shall have quiet and peaceable possession of said land: and that they will execute such further assurances of title to said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Lula E Jeter
Laura E. M. Davidson
J. T Davidson

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, J. L. Campbell a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, state of Virginia, hereby certify that Lula E. Jeter, Laura E. M. Davidson and J. T. Davidson, her husband whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 2nd day of June, 1903, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 2d day of June, 1903.

J. L. Campbell
Commissioner in Chancery

Virginia:
In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 21st, 1903.

This Deed from Lula E. Jeter and Laura E. M. Davidson and J. T. Davidson, her husband, to Faymont A. Carter, conveying real estate, being produced in said office, certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

The History Of Bedford County, Virginia included the following information regarding the Joseph Wright Mays family:

> "I cannot refrain from giving my own recollections of this church. My grandfather, Joseph W. Mays, and his wife, Malinda Wright Mays, moved their membership here from Jointee, and lived only a quarter mile west of the church. My mother, Laurie C. Mays, their only child, was married here in 1872 to my father, Thomas A. Jeter, the first marriage in the new church building. My mother died in February, 1876, leaving two children, my sister, three months old, and myself, not yet three years old. My father went to Liberty to engage in business and we continued to live with our grandparents, as we had all previously done. Three years later our grandmother died and we became the constant care and companions of our grandfather, who was then advanced in years. He took us to Sunday school regularly, and on preaching days we stayed with him throughout the services--sometimes from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If we became tired--and we usually did-- he would sit in the middle of the front bench in the "amen corner" and stretch us out on either side of him and let us sleep to our own satisfaction. As we grew older, he taught us to "sit up and behave"."

Our Kin included the following description of Joseph Wright Mays and his family:

> "Joseph Wright Mays, son of James and Patsy (Wright) Mays, was educated in the 'Old Field' schools of Bedford County and taught for several years. He traveled over ten states on horseback and taught one term on top of the Ozark Mountains in Missouri, but finding 'no place like home,' he returned to his native county and married, February 11, 1841, his first cousin, Malinda Wright, daughter of Anthony and Betsy (Mayse) Wright.
>
> They had only one child-the idol of their hearts- Laurie Cornelia, born February 2, 1851, ten years after their marriage. They settled on a plantation, near what is now Chamblissburg, part of which was given to him by his father.
>
> Joseph W. Mays was a man of influence and great usefulness in his community, and a deacon of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church for many years. He was noted for his high ideals, his hospitality and his kindness of heart, and his sense of humor made him always a delightful companion.
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> His wife died August 10, 1879, and his sister, Polly- Mrs. Wm. Worley-whose husband and only child were dead, assumed control of his household, and continued to live with him until her death, October 14, 1893."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the only child of Malinda (Wright) Mays and Joseph Wright Mays was the following:

1) Laurie Cornelia (Mays) Jeter, born on February 2, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Laurie Cornelia (Mays) Jeter, Her Husband Thomas Alexander Jeter, And Her Descendants

Laurie Cornelia (Mays) Jeter was the daughter of Malinda (Wright) Mays and Joseph Wright Mays. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Malinda[4])

Bedford County, Virginia, Genealogical Records listed the birth of Laurie Cornelia Mays on February 2, 1851, from the Joseph Wright Mays family Bible.

Our Kin included the following description of Joseph Wright Mays' family:

"Joseph Wright Mays . . . . married, February 11, 1841, his first cousin, Malinda Wright . . . .

They had only one child-the idol of their hearts- Laurie Cornelia, born February 2, 1851, ten years after their marriage.
. . . ."

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. C. Mays in the J. W. Mays household and her age as 9 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1851.

On January 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/225 Joseph W. and Malinda Mays gifted 121-3/4 acres of land to Laurie C. Jeter:

"This Deed made and entered into this 1st day of January 1875 between Joseph W. Mays and Malinda his wife of the first part and Laurie C. Jeter and her body heirs of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said Joseph W. Mays and Malinda his wife of the first part for and in consideration of the love and affection they bear their daughter Laurie C. Jeter and her Heirs have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto unto the said party of the second part on certain tract or parcel of land situated in Bedford County on the waters of Kates Creek adjoining the lands of Geo. Dunsmore D. M. Newsom and others it being a part of Lot No. 3 in the Division of James May's Est and drawn by Polly Worley and is bounded as follows to wit: Beginining at a pile of rocks by a road 27 poles from a red oak and chestnut oak stump (corner to Joel W. Wright was Gooldy's) Thence with the lines of of H. P. Feather Decd S 34-1/4 E about 73.36 poles to a rock pile by the side of a fence Thence N 44 E 28.40 poles Xing a branch in all 58-1/2 poles to a white flint rock and pointer white oak Thence with J. Feather's line was

Dunsmore S 56-1/4 E 59-1/2 poles to a Large Spanish oak by a pair of draw bars Thence on with Dunsmore's line S 27-1/2 W 117.20 poles to a pile of rocks on a ridge Thence S 60-1/2 E 34 poles Xing Kates Creek in all ____ poles to a maple in a swamp corner to D. M. Newsom. Thence with the line of the Newsom lot S ____ W ____ poles Xing a branch in all ____ poles to a stone in in the foundation of Old Jointee Church Thence North 59-1/2 W about 45 poles to a white oak on side of a road Thence along the road N 87-1/2 W 10 poles Thence N 6-1/4 E 41 poles Xing the Creek in all 86 poles to a persimon Thence N 56-1/2 W 32.60 poles to a small sassafras Thence N 32-3/4 W 29 poles Xing Kates Creek in all 50 poles to 2 persimmons near the grave yard Thence with the lines of Lot No 1 N 17-1/2 W 32 poles to a a 3 prong white oak on a ridge Thence N 21-3/4 E 59.80 poles to the first station containing 121-3/4 acres be the same more or less, to have and to hold forever. The said parties of the first part bind themselves to warrant and defend the right and title of said land unto the said parties of the second part with general warranty

Given under our hands this 13th day of February 1875

Joseph W Mays
Malinda Mays

State of Va County of Bedford to wit

I John H Fuqua a Notary Public for the County of Bedford and State of Va do certify that Malinda Mays the wife of Joseph W. Mays whose names are signed to the above writing bearing date 1st day of January 1875 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Malinda Mays acknowledged the said writing to be her act and that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1875

John H Fuqua N.P.

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I, John H Fuqua a Notary Public for the County of Bedford state of Virginia do certify that Joseph W. Mays whose name is signed to the above writing personally appeared before me me in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the above writing to be his act

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1875

John H. Fuqua NP.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, August 17th 1875

This Deed from Joseph W. Mays and wife to Laurie C. Jeter, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

Hardesty's A History Of Bedford County, Virginia stated that Laurie Cornelia Mays married Thomas A. Jeter, Jr., on October 16, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, and included the following information about Thomas A. Jeter, Jr:

"Thomas A. Jeter, Jr. - was born in Bedford county, July 16, 1841, a son of Fielding H. and Virginia A. (White) Jeter. His father is still living in the county, his mother deceased. Thomas A. Jeter, jr., was a soldier of the Confederate army, and had two older brothers in the service. William J., the oldest was killed in the battle of Cedar Mountain; Tinsley, next oldest, was in every fight of his command through the war, but never wounded. In Bedford county, October 16, 1872, Thomas A. Jeter, jr., and Laura C. Mays were united in marriage. She was a daughter of Joseph W. and Malinda (Wright) Mays, her father still living in this county, her mother deceased. Her birth was in this county, on the 2d of February, 1852, and she died February 24, 1876, leaving two infant daughters to her husband's care: Lula E. born August 3, 1873: Laurie E. M., born November 13, 1875. The subject of this sketch was six years county surveyor of Bedford county, twelve years commissioner of revenue for the county, and a member of the town council of Liberty. He is extensively engaged in a tobacco commission business at Liberty, Bedford county, Virginia."

Our Kin included the following biography of Thomas Alexander Jeter and Laurie Cornelia (Mays) Jeter:

"Thomas Alexander Jeter, son of Fielden H. and Virginia Ann (White) Jeter, was educated at Mt. Pleasant Academy in Bedford County and taught for many years in the public schools. He had a keen sense of humor, even though his manner was often gruff in the school room, and used to enjoy telling of a little incident that occurred while he was teaching at Chamblissburg. John H. Preas, who was afterward proprieter of the Palace Hotel in Bedford and a good business man, was not a brilliant pupil, and one day in his spelling class he was given the word "gun" to spell. He spelled it "g-u-n-n." "Now why did you put a double n to it,

Sir?" asked the teacher. John replied, as quick as a flash, "I thought maybe it was a double barrel gun."

He left Mt. Pleasant Academy to enlist in the Confederate Army but was refused on account of a stiff right arm, which was caused by having the flesh torn from it while threshing wheat. He was accepted for service in the Comissary Department.

He married Laurie Cornelia Mays, October 16, 1872, at Beaverdam Baptist Church, Chamblissburg, Bedford County, Virginia. (See Mays family.)

Children:

(1) Lula Eastman, born August 3, 1873.
(2) Laura Erminia Morna, born November 13, 1875.

Laurie Cornelia Mays, born February 2, 1851, was the daughter of Joseph W. and Malinda (Wright) Mays. She died February 22, 1876, leaving her babies to the care of her husband and her parents, with whom she had always lived.

After her death Mr. Jeter was elected Commissioner of Revenue in Chamblissburg District, which office he held for several years. Later he went to Liberty and engaged in the tobacco business with Major D. M. Newsom, conducting a large warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco until the time of his death.

Thomas A. Jeter (called "Pomp" Jeter from childhood by his family and intimate friends), was one of the most popular men that Bedford County has ever produced. He had a big heart and pleasing personality and his business brought him into daily contact with all classes of people - both black and white - and also placed him in position to befriend many who needed assistance, by advancing money on their crops of tobacco. These kindnesses were never forgotten, and for decades after, were recounted to his children whenever occasion permitted.

He was assassinated May 16, 1885, at his place of business by Hairston H. Terry, son of General William R. Terry, who, in a temporary fit of insanity and without the slightest provocation, shot him through the heart - death resulting instantly. Terry, for years, had been one of his most intimate friends, had never shown any ill feeling toward him, and often came in town and visited him at the warehouse in a most pleasant manner. The following account was sent by the Liberty correspondent to a New York newspaper:

"Slain For A Dog's Name

T. A. Jeter Shot For Calling His Pup After H. H. Terry's Sister

And Mr. Terry Promptly Lynched by Mr. Jeter's Relatives and Friends - Repenting When Too Late - Was the Murderer Insane?

Liberty, Va., May 16. Thomas A. Jeter, an inoffensive and very popular man of this place, was, without any sufficient provocation, shot by H. H. Terry about 11 o'clock this morning. There had been no quarrel, no misunderstanding of any kind between then, as far as known. Some time ago Terry gave Jeter a dog, and Jeter named it after Terry's sister. Terry lived in Richmond, his father, Gen W. R. Terry is Superintendent of the Virginia Penitentiary. Terry was on a visit to his sister, Mrs. E. T. Walker, in this county and a short distance from this town. Terry was in bad health. He came to town this morning and attended to some business, among other things writing a letter to his people in Richmond. He went from the Windsor Hotel, where he wrote the letter, to Jeter's tobacco warehouse, and was standing in the warehouse yard in front of the door.

Jeter came to the door and asked in a perfectly friendly manner how his father was. Terry's father, Gen. Terry, had been stricken with paralysis and was one of Jeter's warm friends. Terry said he was dying. Mr. W. S. Jones, who went with Terry to the warehouse, said: 'No, he is better.' Terry said: 'No, he is dying.' Jeter then playfully said: 'Why don't you come up to see your kinfoks?' meaning, it is inferred, why he did not come up to see the dog which he had given him. Terry immediately drew his pistol and fired before Jones, who was standing near Terry, could interfere. The first shot took effect just below the point of the breastbone and ranged upward. Jeter screamed and turned to go to the office in his warehouse, and the second shot was fired and took effect just above the left lung. Jeter did not speak after he was shot and only lived a few moments. Terry was arrested, but threatened to shoot Jones if he did not get out of his way.

Mr. Knight, who was standing near, says Terry said immediately after he did the shooting:

'I have been up here a month to do that and I have done it.' To another person he said: 'He (meaning Jeter) knows why I shot him,' and to another, that it was because he named the dog after his sister. Terry expressed great sorrow at his deed and wished it had been he that was killed instead of Jeter. The murdered man was about forty years old, a widower, and leaves two children. Terry is about twenty-two or twenty-three and was educated at the Virginia Military Institute.

Liberty, Va., May 18. The terrible tragedy of Saturday - the killing of Thomas A. Jeter, in cold blood, by Hairston Terry - was followed this morning by the lynching of Terry.

About 2:30 o'clock this morning a band of mounted men rode up to the Bedford Jail in Liberty, and one of the number knocked at the front door. The jailer asked who was there, and the party said they had a prisoner to put in. The door was opened, and the leader, a large man, masked, presented a pistol to the head of the keeper, Kirkwood Bell, demanding the keys. He told them he did not have them, but when asked if they were in his room answered yes. They procured the keys and then demanded that he should show them the cell where Terry was confined, but Bell refused. They found out by searching the jail, and without any fuss or alarm of any kind brought Terry out without coat or hat, put him on one of the horses, filed out from the jail and down Main Street. Just outside the corporate limits and south of the town they hanged him to an apple tree on an embankment by the side of the main road, and his body was found swinging there this morning. The jailer and his assistant guard gave the alarm as soon as possible, but it was too late. The mob were not fifteen minutes in entering the jail and taking the unfortnate man away. Not a word was spoken by any of the party except those who went into the jail. Terry, it is believed, was gagged, as he was not heard to speak at all. It is supposed that the party came from the country and probably from that part where Jeter was born and brought up.

There was an emmense crowd at Jeter's funeral yesterday. It took place at his old home eighteen miles south of here. About two hundred persons from this place attended. Jeter was a prominent Mason, Knight of Honor, and President of the Liberty Tobacco Association, all of which organizations attended the funeral services.

It is believed that the cause of the lynching was the recital of the circumstances attending the cold-blooded deed, which caused great indignation on account of the esteem in which everyone held him and his kindness to the tobacco planters, to all of whom he advanced money on their crops. It seemed to be the firm belief, too, that the plea of insanity would be set up and that Terry would escape. It is said that it was at the funeral that the idea of organizing and taking the law in their own hands was formed by the band. Terry evidently expected something of the kind, as he sent to know, Saturday evening, if there was any danger. Terry said to a friend, Saturday evening after the shooting, that he expected he would be sent up for twenty years or they would swing him, and that he believed he preferred the latter. When asked by his sister if he had anything against Jeter he said no, that he loved him. when asked why he shot him he said he could not help it.

The body of Terry was cut down by the Coroner this morning after sunrise in the presence of the jury. The rope used to hang Terry was the one which belonged to the Jeter warehouse well, part of which had been unravelled and with which his hands and feet were tied. it is supposed there were some ninety or a hundred men in all, but only forty or fifty were in the party that went to the jail to take him out. They were all well armed and prepared to accomplish their designs. The whole community is saddened by these calamities. None of the lynching party were recognized. All were masked by tying a handkerchief over the face. As they came from the neighborhood of Jeter's old home, it is thought pretty certain that some of his many relatives were in the crowd. It is said the men declared that too many murderers had escaped of late on the plea of insanity.

The name of the dog over which so much blood has been spilled is Lettie."

Bedford County, Virginia, Genealogical Records listed the births of the children of Laurie Cornelia (Mays) Jeter and Thomas A. Jeter from the Joseph Wright Mays Family Bible as follows:

"Lula Eastman Jeter b. Aug 3, 1873
Laura E. M. Jeter b. Nov 13, 1875'

The death record of Laurie Cornelia Jeter was dated on February 26, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Deceased: Laurie Cornelia Jeter
Date of Death; February 26, 1876
Place: Bedford
Age: 25
Cause of Death: pneumonia
Names of Parents: Joseph W. & Malinda Mays
Birthplace of Desceased: Bedford
Occupation: Keeping house
Informant: Thomas A. Jeter
Relation of Informant: Husband"

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia, listed the following tombstone in the Mays Family Cemetery near Chamblissburg, Virginia;

"Laurie Cornelia Mays Feb 2, 1851
wife of Thomas Jeter Feb 22, 1876"

h. Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh, Her Husbands David Gish And John Brugh, And Her Descendants

Mary (Wright) (Gish) Brugh was a daughter of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3])

The marriage bond of Polly Wright and David Gish was dated on September 6, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia and the marriage on September 6, 1834, with Anthony Wright as surety:

> "Know all men by these presents that we David Gish and Anthony Wright are held & firmly bound unto Litleton W Tazewell Esqr. Governor of the State of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars Currency of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made to said Governor or his successors in Office, we bind ourselves our heirs Exors & admrs. jointly and Severally firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 6th day of September 1834. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound David Gish and Polly Wright. If therefore there be no legal cause to obstruct the same then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue
>
> David Gish
> Anthony Wright
>
> Bedford County Sct.
>
> These are to license and permit you to join together in the state of holy matrimony David Gish and Polly Wright, and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient warrant. Given under my hand this 6th day of September 1834.
>
> To any minister of the Gospel) Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C
> legally authorised to celebrate)
> the rites of matrimony)
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> ---
>
> A list of marriages solemnized by the undersigned in the County of Bedford.
> . . . .
>
> David Gish & Polly Wright 6th Sepr. 1834
> . . . .
>
> Merryman Lunsford"

The case of Wright v. Wright at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 682 listed one of the party plaintiffs as first Polly Gish and later as Polly Brugh, wife of John Brugh, formerly Polly Gish:

> ". . . that he pay to John Brugh and Polly his wife formerly Polly Gish the sum of Four hundred and thirty- four dollars and eight-six cents, . . ."

No marriage bond has as yet been found for the second marriage of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Gish to John Brugh.

Our Kin stated that Mary "Polly" Wright was a daughter of Anthony Wright and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright, married first David Gish, and married second John Brugh, and that Mary (Wright) Gish and John Gish had the following children:

1) Mary Eliza (Gish) Brugh, born on January 4, 1837, and
2) George Russell Gish, born on August 10, 1839, and

that Mary (Wright) (Gish) Brugh and John Brugh had no children.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Mary "Polly" (Wright) Brugh and David Gish were the following:

1) Mary Eliza (Gish) Brugh, born on January 4, 1837, and
2) George Russell Gish, born on August 10, 1839.

i. Mary Eliza (Gish) Brugh, Her Husband Jacob Brugh, And Her Descendants

Mary Eliza (Gish) Brugh was a daughter of Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh and David Gish. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Mary[4])

Our Kin stated that Mary Eliza Gish was a daughter of Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh and David Gish, was born on January 4, 1837, and married Jacob P. Brugh and that Mary Eliza (Gish) Brugh and Jacob P. Brugh had the following children:

1) S. Clinton Brugh,
2) Leslie H. Brugh,
3) Ewell J. Brugh,
4) Earl Russell Brugh,
5) John Lanier Brugh, and

6) Vista C. (Brugh) Robinson.

ii. George Russell Gish, His Wife Mary (Thrasher) Gish, And His Descendants

George Russell Gish was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh and David Gish. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3], Mary[4])

Our Kin stated that George Russell Gish was a son of Mary "Polly" (Wright) (Gish) Brugh and Jacob P. Brugh, was born on August 10, 1839, married Mary Thrasher, and resided near Vinton, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that George Russell Gish and Mary (Thrasher) Gish had the following children:

1) Ella Gish,
2) Thomas Edward Gish,
3) George William Gish,
4) Frank Anthony Gish,
5) Ola May (Gish) Bowie,
6) Joseph Mays Gish,
7) Anna (Gish) Barley,
8) James Emmett Gish,
9) David Gish,
10) Elmer Gish, and
11) Earl Gish.

I. Possibly Anthony Wright, Jr., Or Anthony Penell Wright

Anthony Wright, Jr., or Anthony Penell Wright was possibly a son of 1850 Anthony Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Mayes) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1850 Anthony[3]) The evidence for this conclusion is circumstantial, but suggestive.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property on April 1:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
April 1	Anthony Wright	-	1

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harndss		Phaetons & Stage wagons & harness	
No.	Dollars Cts	Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	above the Value of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Value $300	above the Value of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	.13½

On June 6, 1822, at Franklin County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 8/11 Anthony P. Wright was directed to choose a guardian as he was an infant, indicating he was born after June 6, 1801, and that his parents were then dead.

On July 3, 1822, at Franklin County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 8/14 Anthony P. Wright was listed on jury duty.

On October 10, 1822, in the case of Greer v. Mays and Wright, File 361, Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, Anthony Penell Wright gave his deposition which provided in part as follows:

> ". . . . That He observed to Peter that H must be much of a Man That he intended to perswad his Father or Brother to buy him. Peter said he did not wish his master Tommy to buy him because he would be to far from his wife . . . 1st Quest by Plf Is not your a Legatee in Joseph Wright's Estate Answer It is so said . . . ."

Although the references are unclear, it appears that Anthony Pennell Wright had a father and brother living in 1822 and that some person related to Anthony Pennell Wright was a legatee of 1815 Joseph Wright's estate.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Anthony Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 7	Anthony Wright	-	-(?)

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harness		Phaetons & Stage waggons & Harness	
		Not exceeding in Vallue	Exceeding in Vallue	Not exceeding in Vallue	exceeding in Vallue
No.	D C	$100	$100	$200	$200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	.24

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Anthoney Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Ap 27	Anthoney Wright	-	3

No. of Studs	Dollars	2 Wheel Riding Carrages	4 wheel Riding and Harness	Amount of Tax
-	-	-	-	.36

In June 1824 at Franklin County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 8/289 attorney Taylor was appointed administrator of the estate of Anthony P. Wright.

On September 13, 1824, in the case of Loyd v. Wright, File 548, Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, both Anthony Wright, Sr., and Anthony Wright, Jr., were named as defendants:

> "To the Honorable Creed Taylor Judge)
> of the Superior Court of Chancery for)
> The Lynchburg dictrict)
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orator Levi Loyd of the county of Bedford that some time in the year 18_ he purchased a sorrel Horse of a certain Anthony Wright Junr of the county of Franklin at the price of ninety dollars for which he executed his bond payable the 25th day of December next after said contract to the said Wright, that immediately before the said contract the said Wright warranted the said horse to be sound and healthy and your Orator avers that this warranty upon the part of the said Wright was the inducement with him to buy the horse at the price demanded - Yet notwithstanding the warranty aforesaid, and the repeated declarations of the said Wright that the said horse was sound -. The said horse was unsound and unhealthy being subject to periodical fits, and this fact was at the time of the contract aforesaid distinctly known to the said Wright your Orator expects to be able to prove that the said Horse had been taken with many fits in the presence of said Wright, and that the warranty aforesaid was intended to deceive and defraud your Orator. -
>
> Your Orator further states that the said horse in consequence of the disease aforesaid was rendered of little or no value, that on the very day of the sale and contract aforesaid without your Orator having any intimation of the disease aforesaid whatever, traded the said horse to a certain Stephen Haynes of the county of Bedford as a sound horse and to whom your Orator is now liable upon his warranty aforesaid. -
>
> Your Orator further represents to your Honor that the said Anthony Wright Junior is entirely without any visible property is a young man of idle habits and wholy insufficient to pay any damages that your Orator might recover of him on account of the warranty aforesaid, and in order if possible to obtain the money from your

Orator has asigned the bond aforesaid to a certain Anthony Wright Senr who has obtained a judgment against your Orator on the bond aforesaid at the last term of the Superior court of Bedford and who threatens to harrass your Orator with an Execution, all which actings and doings are contrary to equity and good conscience and who manifestly to the injury and oppression of your Orator who is remediless in the premises in a court of common law and only relieveable in Equity where matters of this kind are cognisable to the end that the said Anthony Wright Junior Anthony Wright senr. and Stephen Haynes may be made Defendants to this bill and compelled to answer the allegations thereof on their corporal oaths truly and perfectly and finally may it please your Honor to enjoin the judgment at law aforesaid until the matter herein can be heard in equity, direct ans. issue or issues to determine the injury done to your Orator on account of the false Warranty aforesaid and grant process to and such other and further relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require or to your Honor may seem meet and proper &c &c

Bedford County to wit

Levi Loyd personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing bill so far as they depend on his own knowledge are true and so far as they depend on the information of other he believes to be true given under my hand and seal this 13th day of September 1824.

Chas Whitely"

"Oct term 1824

The injunction is awarded on the usual terms"

Although the use of senior and junior at that time might merely refer to older and younger rather than father and son, Anthony Wright was not named as a son of any other Wright in Bedford or Franklin Counties that has yet been found and it seems more likely that a father would buy a bond from a young man "without any visible property" and "of idle habits and wholy insufficient to pay any damages." However, the appointment of a guardian for Anthony Wright in 1822 is inconsistent with that conclusion.

While suggestive, further research will be required to confirm the identity of either Anthony Penell Wright or Anthony Wright, Jr., as a son of Anthony Wright.

j. Other Incorrectly Suggested Children

There are two other persons suggested as children of Anthony Wright and Elizabeth (Mayse) Wright, but those identifications are incorrect.

i. Harriet E. (Wright) Bandy

Hinshaw listed the issuance of a marriage bond to Harriet E. Wright, daughter of Anthony Wright and his wife Elizabeth, and Samuel W. Bandy on November 30, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety. However, this is an incorrect identification and should read "granddaughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Wright" or "the daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Wright." In the case of Wright v. Wright, Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Case 682, was the deposition of Elizabeth Bandy dated April 5, 1855, but the deposition was signed by "Harriet E. Bandy", obviously Harriet Elizabeth Bandy, and identified her as the daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) (Wright) Ramsey and granddaughter of Anthony Wright:

> "The said Elizabeth Bandy a witness of lawfull age produced by Defendant having been by me first sworn doth to the interragatories propounded to her depose as follows
>
> 1 Question By Defendant) did you hear your grandfather Anthony Wright say anything about charging your mother E. Ramsey board whilst she stayed there
>
> Answer I did hear him tell her he never intended to charge her any board as he considered her & her children's services worth their board
>
> 2 Question did you hear him say that your mother E. Ramsey should not be charged with what he gave to Anthony P. Wright
>
> Answer I did hear him say she should not be charged with what he gave to A.P. Wright for he intended to make him A.P. Wright an equal legatee in his estate with his own children
>
> Harriet E. Bandy"

ii. Ann (Wright) Crouch And Martha (Wright) Graham

Our Kin listed two other children of Anthony Wright, Ann (Wright) Crouch and Martha (Wright) Graham. No sources for this information were given by Our Kin and I have found nothing as yet to substantiate the existence of

these two children and I doubt the correctness of this identification, since they were not named in Chancery File 682.

4. Nancy (Wright) Asbury Or Asberry, Her Husband James Asbury, And Her Decendants

Nancy (Wright) Asbury or Asberry was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Nancy Wright, daughter of John, and James Asberry was dated on November 13, 1792, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Tommey Wright as surety:

"Sir,

I do hereby Certify that I am willing you should Issue License for the intermarriage of my Daughter Nancy Wright with James Asberry & for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand this 13th day of November 1792

Teste John Wright
Tommey Wright
Willian Nimmo

To the Clerk of Bedford County.

Know all Men by these Presents that We James Asberry & Tommey Wright are held & firmly bound unto Henry Lee Esquire Governor or Chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money to which payment well & truly ____ be made to the said Henry Lee or to his Successors We bind ourselves & each of us our & each of our joint & Several Heirs Exors & Adms firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & dated this 13th day of Novemr 1792.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound James Asberry & Nancy Wright Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the

said Marriage then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full form & Virtue.

Signed Sealed &c)
in presence of)

his
James X asbury
Mark
Tommey Wright"

If Nancy Wright was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1777.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/13 listed Nancy Asbury as one of his children:

> . . . . fourthly I do give to my daughter Nancy Asbury one negroe girl named Let to be hers & her heirs's property for Ever, Also ten pounds in property to be delivered to her whenever my wife thinks proper . . . ."

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one James Asbury with the following members of his household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	26-45	1	26-45
1	10-16	2	10-16
		2	0-10

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one James Asbury with the following members of his household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	45+	1	45+
1	16-25	1	16-25
		2	10-16
		2	0-10

These two census listings place the birth dates of both James Asbury and Nancy (Wright) Asbury between 1765 and 1775. Since 1803 John Wright was residing in Bedford County in the period 1765 to 1775, the place of birth of Nancy (Wright) Asbury was probably there.

The will of James Asbury was dated on February 13, 1827, probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426, and provided as follows:

"I James Asbury of the county of Bedford do hereby make my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. 1st After the payment of all my just debts & funeral expences, I give to my beloved wife Nancy Asbury, the whole of my estate, both personal & real, for & during the term of her natural life, or widowhood; but in case she should alter her state by intermarring again, I then give her one third part of all my estate to enjoy during her natural life, and after her decease I give the same to my children hereinafter mentioned, as follows, to be enjoyed by them forever 2dly I give to my daughter Elizabeth Pollard one dollar in addition to what I have already given her before 3dly I give to my daughter Rhoda Cawley one dollar in addition to what I have already given her before 4thly I give to my son William Asbury one dollar, in addition to what I have given him before 5th I give to my daughter Polly Asbury one dollar in addition to what I have given her before 6th I give to my daughter Nancy Kirk, one dollar, in addition to what I have given her before 7th I give to my daughter Sally Darby one dollar in addition to what I have given her before 8th I give to my daughter Rutha Asbury, one feather bed & furniture, one cow and calf, one ewe and lamb, and one hog, to her & her heirs forever. 9thly I give to my daughter Sophia one bed & furniture one cow & calf, one ewe & lamb, & one hog, to her, & her heirs forever. 10th I give to my daughter Gincy, one bed & furniture one cow & calf, one ewe and lamb, and one hog, to her & her heirs forever. 11th I give to my son Joel Asbury, one negro boy, named Nathan, one shotgun, one bed & furniture, one cow & calf, and all my land whereon I now live, at the death of his mother, to him and his heirs forever. 12th All the residue of my estate not hereinbefore particularly disposed of, I desire may be equally divided among my children hereinbefore named after the death of my beloved wife, which I give to them, their heirs, executors, Admrs and assigns forever. And lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife Nancy Asbury and John Wright, executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 13th day of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and twenty seven

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Matthew Pate
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Jeremiah Corley

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James X Asbury
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At a Court held for Bedford county, at the court house Septr 24" 1827. The preceeding last Will & testament of James Asbury dec was proved by Matthew

Pate & Jeremiah Corley, subscribing witnesses, and was ordered to be recorded and on motion of Nancy Asbury, who made oath and gave bond & security according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. John Wright, the other executor, declined to take upon himself the duties of said executorship

Teste
J. D. Steptoe CBC."

From the will of James Asbury the following family can be identified:

Wife: Nancy (Wright) Asbury,

Children:
1) Elizabeth Pollard,
2) Rhoda Cawley,
3) William Asbury,
4) Polly Asbury,
5) Nancy Kirk,
6) Sally Darby,
7) Rutha Asbury,
8) Sophia Asbury,
9) Gincy Asbury, and
10) Joel Asbury.

Bedford County, Va Death Records by Marvin U. Neighbors stated that the death record of Nancy (Wright) Asbury was dated on July 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Nancy Asbury
13 July 1853
cause of death not given
Age: 82 years
Parents: Jno. & Elizabeth Wright
Widow of James Asbury"

Our Kin also stated that Nancy Wright, the daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County, married James Asbury.

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Wright was born in 1771 and married James M. Asbury after

November 13, 1792, and died on July 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, that James M. Asbury was born in about 1772 and died before September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James M. Asbury had the following children:

1) Elizabeth Asbury, born between 1794 and 1796 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Rhoda Asbury, born between 1794 and 1800 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) William Asbury, born between 1795 and 1800 at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) William Asbury, born between 1795 and 1800 at Bedford County, Virgina,

5) Polly Asbury, born between 1800 and 1804 at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Nancy Asbury, born between 1804 and 1810 at Bedford County, Viriginia,

7) Sally Asbury, born between 1810 and 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia,

8) Rutha Asbury, born between 1810 and 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia,

9) Sophia Asbury, born before 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

10) Joel Asbury, born between 1820 and 1827 at Bedford County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury or Asberry were the following:

1) Elizabeth (Asbury) Pollard, born probably between 1794 and 1796 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Rhoda (Asberry) Corley or Cauley, born probably between 1794 and 1800 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) William Asbury, born probably between 1795 and 1800 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Polly Asbury, born probably between 1800 and 1804 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Nancy (Asbury) Kirk, born probably between 1804 and 1810 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Sally (Asberry) Darby, born probably between 1810 and 1820 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Rutha Asbury, born probably between 1810 and 1820 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

8) Sophia (Asberry or Asburry) Basham, born probably before 1818 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

9) Jane or Gincy (Asberry) McFall, born after 1819 and probably before 1827 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

10) Joel Asbury, born after 1819 and before February 13, 1827, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

a. Elizabeth (Asbury) Pollard And Her Husband Joseph Pollard

Elizabeth (Asbury) Pollard was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth Asbury and Joseph Pollard was dated on August 2, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia. If Elizabeth was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1796. The 1810 Census listed the oldest daughters in James Asbury's household as aged 10 to 16, suggesting that her date of birth was between 1794 and 1796. Since James Asbury was residing in Bedford County, her place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia. Similarly, if Joseph Pollard was at least 16 years of age at the time of his marriage, his date of birth would be probably before 1796.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Elizabeth Pollard as one of his children:

> ". . . . 2dly I give to my daughter Elizabeth Pollard one dollar in addition to what I have already given her before . . . ."

b. Rhoda (Asbury) Corley or Cawley, Her Husband Berry Corley, And Her Descendants

Rhoda (Asbury) Corley or Cawley was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The marriage bond of Rhoda Asberry and Berry Cawley was dated on January 8, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, and the marriage ceremony on January 8, 1816. If

Rhoda (Asbury) Corley was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, then her date of birth would be probably before 1801. The 1810 Census listed the two oldest daughters in James Asbury's household as aged 10 to 16, indicating a date of birth between 1794 and 1800. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, her place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia. Similarly, if Berry Corley was at least 16 years of age at the time of his marriage, his date of birth would be probably before 1801.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Rhoda Cawley one of his children:

> ". . . . 3dly I give to my daughter Rhoda Cawley one dollar in addition to what I have already given her before . . . ."

On February 19, 1829, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 21/346 Berry Corley and his wife Rhoda Corley sold their interest in the estate of James Asbury to Isaac James:

> "This Indenture made & entered this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1829 between Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia & Stephen Darby & his wife Sally of the County & State aforesaid of the first part & Isaac James of the County and State aforesaid of the Second part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty six dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath bargained sold and confirmed & by these presents doth bargain sell & confirm unto him the said Isaac James, his heirs & assigns forever, all their right title & interest in and to the Estate of James Asbury Dec'd as distributees in said Decedents Estate both personal & real except one dollar which they have received in advance agreeable to the last Will & Testament of said Dec'd also all their interest in the personal & Real estate of their Grandfather Wright's Estate be it what it may To have and to hold the right title and interest in and to the Estate aforesaid unto him the said Isaac James his heirs & assigns forever, the said Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda, Stephen Darby & his wife Sally doth for themselves their heirs &c covenant to and with the said Isaac James his Heirs Exors, Admrs or assigns to forever warrant & defend all their right title & Interest in and to the Estate aforesaid be it what it may unto him the said Isaac James his Heirs & assign,

forever, against the claims or demands of all other persons whomsoever. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals the day and date herein before written.

Berry Corley

Rhoda her X mark Corley

Stephen his X mark Darby

Sally her X mark Darby

Bedford County To Wit

Mr. William Shrewsbury & Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda & Stephen Darby & his wife Sally parties to a certain Deed bearing date on the 19th day of February 1829 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be their act and Deed & desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the county court of Bedford in order that the said Deed may be recorded, We do further certify that Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley wife of Berry Corley alias Berry Findley, Sally Darby wife of Stephen Darby parties to the annexed Deed bearing date on the 19th day of February 1829 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & being examined by us privily & apart from their husbands & having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley & acknowledged the same to be their act & Deed & declared that they willingly signed sold & delivered the same & they wished not to retract it. Given under our hand and Seal, this 19th day of February 1829

William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Bedford Clerks office March 17th 1829

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & Rhoda his wife & Stephen Darby & Sally his wife to Isaac James was certified as to said Corley alias Findley & wife & Darby & wife & admitted to Record.

Test
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The deed clearly identifies Berry Corley as Berry Cawley who married Rhoda Asbury, the daughter of James Asbury and the granddaughter of 1803 John Wright. For some reason not as yet apparent, Berry Corley or Cawley changed his name from Findley and records relating to this family may be found under that name.

In his email dated September 22, 1999, Mark R. Kiser stated that Rhoda Asbury was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James M. Asbury, ws born in 1797, married Berry Cauley or Corley, formerly known as Berry Finley, on January 8, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Rhoda (Asbury) Cauley and Berry Cauley had the following child:

1) Nancy (Cauley) Clark, born on July 4, 1816, at Monroe County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

i. <u>Nancy (Cauley) Clark, Her Husband William H. Clark, And Her Descendants</u>

Nancy (Cauley) Clark was a daughter of Rhoda (Asbury) Corley or Cauley and Berry Corley or Cauley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Rhoda[4])

In his email dated September 22, 1999, Mark R. Kiser stated that Nancy (Cauley) Clark was a daughter of Rhoda (Asbury) Corley or Cauley and Berry Corley or Cauley, was born on July 4, 1816, at Monroe County, Virginia (now West Virginia), married William H. Clark on December 10, 1836, at Monroe County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and that Nancy (Cauley) Clark and William H. Clark had the following child:

1) Eliza Jane Clark, born in 1849 at Kanawha County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

c. William Asbury, His Wife Oney Or Neomi Or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, And His Descendants

William Asbury was a son of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the male child of James Asbury as aged 10 to 16, indicating that William's date of birth was between 1794 and 1800. The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the age as 16 to 25, indicating a birthdate between 1795 and 1800. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed William Asbury as one of his children:

> ". . . . 4thly I give to my son William Asbury one dollar, in addition to what I have given him before . . . ."

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed a copy of the marriage record of William Asbury and Oney Simmons, daughter of Polly (?) Simmons, dated on January 22, 1819, at Botetourt County, Virginia:

> "Mr Boyer Clark of Betort Court
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> Sir plese Grant a lysence to William Asbure my Son of Bedford County to Inter Marri to Miss Oney Simmons of Botert County and oblige your frend And Most Hum. Sirrvt
>
> Test — his
> Jeremiah Corley — James X Asbery
> Berry Corley — mark
> Jenery 22th 1819

> Know all men by these presents that we William Asbury & Randolph Kittinger are held and firmly bound unto James P Pruta Esquire Governor of Virginia in the sum of $150 Current money of the United States for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves & each of us our Heirs Exors & admrs Jointly severally & firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & Dated this 20th day of January

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas ther is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnised between the above bound William Asbury & Oney Simmons Daughter of Polly (?) Simmons if therefore their be no Lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said Marriage then this Obligation to be void Else to remain in full force and virtue

Witness William Asbury
randolph kinger"

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Asbury was a son of Thomas James Asbury and Nancy (Wright) Asbury, was born about 1800 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. Simmons on January 30, 1819, at Botetourt County, Virginia, and died on August 21, 1895, at Boone County, West Virginia, and that William Asbury and Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury had the following children:

1) Elizabeth (Asbury) Basham, born about 1819 at Bedford County, Virginia,
2) James Asbury, born in 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia,
3) Mary (Asbury) Foster, born in about 1822 at Bedford County, Virginia,
4) Stephen Asbury, born in 1826 at Bedford County, Virginia,
5) Joel Asbury, born in 1830 at Giles County, Virginia,
6) Caroline Asbury, born in 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia,
7) William Asbury, born in 1832 at Bedford County, Virginia,
8) Nancy (Asbury) Jarrett, born in 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, and
9) Eliza Ann (Asbury) Pettry, born in 1837 probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Elizabeth (Asbury) Basham And Her Husband Pleasant Basham

Elizabeth (Asbury) Basham was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born about 1819 at Bedford County,

Virginia, married Pleasant Basham on October 20, 1856, at Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and died on October 24, 1865, at Big Coal River, Boone County, West Virginia.

ii. James Asbury And His Wife Mary (Gunnoe) Asbury

James Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Mary Gunnoe, and died in 1892.

iii. Mary Jane (Asbury) Foster, Her Husband Seth Foster, And Her Descendants

Mary Jane (Asbury) Foster was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed a copy of the marriage record of Mary Jane Asbury and Seth Foster dated on December 14, 1844, at Kanawha County, West Virginia:

> "This is to certify that the Subscriber joined together in matrimony Seth Foster & Polly Asbury on the 14th of Dec. 1844 at the house of Mr. Asbury of Kanawha County Va
>
> J. Botkin"

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed a copy of the 1860 Census for Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia), which listed Seth Foster with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate
Seth Foster	58	M	Farmer	240
Mary Jane Foster	38	F		
Jane M. Foster	17	F		
Noah Foster	14	M		
Thomas Foster	9	M		
Allen Foster	8/12	M		
Minerva (?) Foster	5	F		

Pers. Property	Born
215	Adams Co. Ohio
	Bedford Co Va
	Kanawha Va
	Kanawha Va
	Boone Va
	Boone Va
	Boone Va

This record indicates that Mary Jane (Asbury) Foster was born in about 1822 and that Seth Foster was born in about 1802.

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Jane Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born about 1822 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Seth Foster on December 14, 1844, at Kanawha County, Virginia (now West Virginia), died in 1893 at Comfort, Boone County, West Virginia, and was buried at Foster Cemetery, Comfort, Boone County, West Virginia, that Seth Foster was born in about 1802 at Adams County, Ohio, and died in 1862 at Comfort, Boone County, West Virginia, and that Mary Jane (Asbury) Foster and Seth Foster had the following children:

1) Thomas Foster, born in about 1841 at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia),

2) Martha Foster, born in 1845 at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia),

3) Manerva (Foster) Cooper, born on June 5, 1845, at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia),

4) Noah Foster, born on June 5, 1847, at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia),

5) Jane (Foster) Eskins, born in 1850 at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and

6) Seth Allan Foster, born on October 6, 1860, at Comfort, Boone County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

iv. Stephen Asbury And His Wife Martha Jane (McVey) Asbury

Stephen Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Stephen Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1826 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Martha Jane McVey.

v. Joel Asbury And His Wife Elizabeth (Snodgrass) Asbury

Joel Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Joel Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Martha Jane McVey.

vi. Caroline Asbury

Caroline Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Caroline Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury and was born in 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia.

vii. William Asbury And His Wife Julia (Collins) Asbury

William Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Asbury was a son of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Julia Collins.

viii. Nancy (Asbury) Jarrett And Her Husband Oliver Jarrett

Nancy (Asbury) Jarrett was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Oliver Jarrett on February 24, 1860.

ix. Eliza Ann (Asbury) Pettry And Her Husband Peter Pettry

Eliza Ann (Asbury) Pettry was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], William[4])

In her letter dated February 26, 2000, Lori Morrow enclosed family group sheets which stated that Eliza Ann Asbury was a daughter of William Asbury and Oney or Neomi or Elizabeth K. (Simmons) Asbury, was born in 1837 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Peter Pettry.

d. Polly Asbury

Polly Asbury was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the third daughter in James Asbury's household as aged 0 to 10, indicating a date of birth between 1800 and 1810. Two daughters had married between 1810 and 1820 and the 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the oldest daughter still remaining in the household as aged 16 to 25, indicating a birth date between 1800 and 1804. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Polly Asbury as one of his children:

> ". . . . 5th I give to my daughter Polly Asbury one dollar in addition to what I have given her before . . . ."

e. Nancy (Asbury) Kirk And Her Husband William Kirk

Nancy (Asbury) Kirk was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the fourth daughter of James Asbury as aged 0 to 10, indicating a birth date between 1800 and 1810. The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the second daughter still remaining in the household as aged 10 to 16, indicating a birth date between 1804 and 1810. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The marriage bond of Nancy Asbury and William Kirk was dated on April 3, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, with James Asbury as surety.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Nancy Kirk as one of his children:

> ". . . . 6th I give to my daughter Nancy Kirk, one dollar, in addition to what I have given her before . . . ."

f. Sally (Asbury) Darby And Her Husband Stephen Darby

Sally (Asbury) Darby was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the third daughter still remaining in the household of James Asbury as aged 10 to 16, indicating a birth date between 1800 and 1810. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The marriage bond of Sally Asbury, daughter of James, and Stephen Darby was dated on May 23, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Sally Darby as one of his children:

> ". . . . 7th I give to my daughter Sally Darby one dollar in addition to what I have given her before . . . ."

On February 19, 1829, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 21/346 Sally Darby and her husband Stephen Darby sold their interest in the estate of James Asbury to Isaac James:

> "This Indenture made & entered this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1829 between Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia & Stephen Darby & his wife Sally of the County & State aforesaid of the first part & Isaac James of the County and State aforesaid of the Second part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty six dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath bargained sold and confirmed & by these presents doth bargain sell & confirm unto him the said Isaac James, his heirs & assigns forever, all their right title & interest in and to the Estate of James Asbury Dec'd as distributees in said Decedents Estate both personal & real except one dollar which they have received in advance agreeable to the last Will

& Testament of said Dec'd also all their interest in the personal & Real estate of their Grandfather Wright's Estate be it what it may To have and to hold the right title and interest in and to the Estate aforesaid unto him the said Isaac James his heirs & assigns forever, the said Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda, Stephen Darby & his wife Sally doth for themselves their heirs &c covenant to and with the said Isaac James his Heirs Exors, Admrs or assigns to forever warrant & defend all their right title & Interest in and to the Estate aforesaid be it what it may unto him the said Isaac James his Heirs & assign, forever, against the claims or demands of all other persons whomsoever. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals the day and date herein before written.

Berry Corley

Rhoda her X mark Corley

Stephen his X mark Darby

Sally X her Darby mark

Bedford County To Wit

Mr. William Shrewsbury & Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & his wife Rhoda & Stephen Darby & his wife Sally parties to a certain Deed bearing date on the 19th day of February 1829 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be their act and Deed & desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the county court of Bedford in order that the said Deed may be recorded, We do further certify that Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley wife of Berry Corley alias Berry Findley, Sally Darby wife of Stephen Darby parties to the annexed Deed bearing date on the 19th day of February 1829 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & being examined by us privily & apart from their husbands & having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Rhoda Corley alias Rhoda Findley & acknowledged the same to be their act & Deed & declared that they willingly signed sold & delivered the same & they wished not to retract it. Given under our hand and Seal, this 19th day of February 1829

William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Bedford Clerks office March 17th 1829

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Berry Corley alias Berry Findley & Rhoda his wife & Stephen Darby & Sally his wife to Isaac James was certified as to said Corley alias Findley & wife & Darby & wife & admitted to Record.

Test
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

g. Rutha Asbury

Rutha Asbury was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the fourth daughter still remaining in the James Asbury household as aged 0 to 10, indicating a birth date between 1810 and 1820. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Rutha Asbury as one of his children:

". . . . 8th I give to my daughter Rutha Asbury, one feather bed & furniture, one cow and calf, one ewe and lamb, and one hog, to her & her heirs forever. . . ."

h. Sophia (Asbury) Basham And Her Husband Joel Basham

Sophia (Asbury) Basham was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the fifth daughter still remaining in the James Asbury household as aged 0 to 10, indicating a birth date between 1810 and 1820. Since James Asbury was residing in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Sophia Asbury as one of his children:

". . . . 9thly I give to my daughter Sophia one bed & furniture one cow & calf, one ewe & lamb, & one hog, to her, & her heirs forever. . . ."

The marriage bond of Sophia Asburry, daughter of Nancy, and Joel Basham was dated on October 18, 1833, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Cornelius Horn as surety.

i. Jane Or Gincy (Asbury) McFall Or McFalls, Her Husband James McFall Or McFalls, And Her Descendants

Jane or Gincy(?) (Asbury) McFall or McFalls was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

Since the 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed only five daughters of James Asbury remaining in the household, the date of birth of Jane or Gincy Asbury would have to be after 1819. If she was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage in 1842, her date of birth would be probably before 1827. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Gincy Asbury as one of his children:

> ". . . . 10th I give to my daughter Gincy, one bed & furniture one cow & calf, one ewe and lamb, and one hog, to her & her heirs forever. . . ."

The marriage bond of Jane Asberry, daughter of Nancy, and James McFall was dated on April 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Anthony P. Wright as surety.

In her email dated December 17, 1998, Florence Cox stated that Jane "Ginsy" Asberry was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Asberry and James Asberry, was born about 1823, married James McFalls on April 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, resided in 1870 at Big Lick Township, Roanoke County, Virginia, that James McFalls was born about 1819, resided in 1850 at Virginia, was probably a member of the 51st Virginia Infantry in the Civil War, resided in 1870 at Virginia, and died on May 14, 1907, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Jane (Asberry) McFalls and James McFalls had the following child:

1) John C. McFalls, born about 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. John C. McFalls, His Wife Rhoda Fannie (Wheeler) McFalls, And His Descendants

John C. McFalls was a son of Jane (Asberry) McFall or McFalls and James McFall or McFalls. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Jane[4])

In her email dated December 17, 1998, Florence Cox stated that John C. McFalls was a son of Jane (Asberry) McFalls and James McFalls, was born about 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Rhoda Fannie Wheeler on January 31, 1867, at Bedford County, Virginia, resided in 1870 at Chamblissburg District, Bedford County, Virginia, after the death of his wife left his three daughters with his father-in-law Gabriel Wheeler to raise, and died before 1907, that Rhoda Fannie (Wheeler) McFalls was born about 1846, and died in 1875, and that John C. McFalls and Rhoda Fannie (Wheeler) McFalls had the following children:

1) Bettie Lee (McFalls) Barton, born on June 14, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Lula (McFalls) Porter, born about 1871 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

3) Margaret "Maggie" (McFalls) King, born about 1872 at Bedford County, Virginia.

j. Joel Asbury, His Wife Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury, And His Descendants

Joel Asbury was a son of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3])

The will of James Asbury dated on February 13, 1827, and probated on September 24, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/426 listed Joel Asbury as one of his children:

> ". . . . 11th I give to my son Joel Asbury, one negro boy, named Nathan, one shotgun, one bed & furniture, one cow & calf, and all my land whereon I now live, at the death of his mother, to him and his heirs forever. . . ."

Since this second son of James Asbury was not listed in the 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, his date of birth was probably after 1819 and since he was listed in the will of James Asbury, his birth date would have to have been before

February 13, 1827. Since James Asbury resided in Bedford County, the place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that Joel Asbury was a son of Nancy (Wright) Asbury and James M. Asbury, was born between 1820 and 1827 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Ferguson about 1847 at Bedford County, Virginia, and died between 1857 and 1865 at Bedford County, Virginia, that Elizabeth (Feruson) Wright was born about 1829 at Virginia and died after May 10, 1865, and that Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury had the following children:

1) James Daniel Asberry, born on June 19, 1849, at Richardson, Roanoke County, Virginia,
2) Ann E. Asberry, born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia,
3) Gilbert Asberry,
4) John Asberry, and
5) Dock Wesley Asberry.

i. <u>James Daniel Asberry, His Wife Mary Scot (Richardson) Asberry, And His Descendants</u>

James Daniel Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Joel[4])

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Daniel Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury, was born on June 19, 1849, at Richardson, Roanoke County, Virginia, married Mary Scot Richardson about 1866 at Virginia, and died on December 12, 1898, at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas, that Mary Scot (Richardson) Asberry was born about 1850 at Cave Spring, Virginia, and died on March 12, 1892, at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas, and that James Daniel Asberry and Mary Scot (Richardson) Asberry had the following children:

1) Zippy Asberry, born about 1867 at Cave Spring, Virginia,
2) Mary Asberry, born about 1869 at Cave Spring, Virginia,

3) John Wesley Asberry, born on November 3, 1871, at Cave Spring, Virginia,

4) Estella (Asberry) Dillard, born on July 14, 1873, at Cave Spring, Virginia,

5) Cordelia "Dee" (Asberry) Ewing, born on August 20, 1874,

6) Charles Lynn Asberry, born on Feburary 16, 1878, at Cave Spring, Virginia,

7) Milton Asberry, born about 1880 at Desoto, Dallas County Texas,

8) Mary Lutie or Ludie (Asberry) Holmsley, born on February 6, 1882, at Desoto, Dallas County, Texas,

9) Addie Lillian (Asberry) Hanna, born on October 3, 1884, at Desoto, Dallas County, Texas,

10) Alexander Selman "Doc" Asberry, born on march 3, 1886, at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas,

11) Ernest A. Asberry, born on December 10, 1887,

12) Pearl (Asberry) Hankins, born on December 24, 1889, at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas, and

13) James Scott Asberry, born on January 8, 1892, at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas.

ii. Ann E. Asberry

Ann E. Asberry was a daughter of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Joel[4])

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that Ann E. Asberry was a daughter of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury, was born in August 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia.

iii. Gilbert Asberry

Gilbert Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Joel[4])

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that Gilbert Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury and died at age 8.

iv. John Asberry

John Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Joel[4])

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that John Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury and was killed on a railroad at age 19 or 20.

v. Dock Wesley Asberry

Dock Wesley Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Nancy[3], Joel[4])

In his letter dated May 14, 1997, Andy Asberry enclosed family group sheets which stated that Dock Wesley Asberry was a son of Joel Asbury and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Asbury.

5. Elizabeth (Wright) Corley, Her Husband William Corley, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Wright) Corley was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth Wright and William Corley was dated on June 1, 1798, at Bedford County, Virginia, with James Asbury as surety and the consent of John Wright:

"May the 31st 1798
To the Clark of Bedford Court

Sir Please to let william Corley have licence To Marry Elizebeth Wright Given under my hand the date above mentioned

John Wright
Teste
Alex. Brown
James Asberry

Know all men by these Presents that we William Corley, Alexander Brown & James Asberry are held and firmly bound unto James Wood Esqr. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the state of Virginia in the Sum ____ hundred Dollars to which payment well truly to be made to the said James Wood or to his

successors we bind ourselves & each of us our and each of our Heirs Exors admrs jointly & Severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals & dated this 1st Day of June 1798

This Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound William Corley & Elizabeth Wright - now if there Shall be no Lawful cause to Obstruct the said marriage then this Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue

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in Presence of	)	William	X	Corley
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			his	
		Alexander	X	Brown
			mark	
			his	
		Jas. Asberry	X	
			mark"	

The consent of John Wright in the marriage bond suggests that Elizabeth was under 21 years of age and, therefore, had been born probably after 1777. Since 1803 John Wright was residing in Bedford County before 1777, Elizabeth's place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Elizabeth Corley as one of his children:

". . . . fifthly, I do give to my Daughter Betsey one negroe Girl named Jude to be her own property after the death of my Wife, ..."

On September 14, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/379 William Corley and Elizabeth Corley sold to Thomas Wright their interest in the slave Jude left to Elizabeth in her father's will:

"This Indenture made this fourteenth day of September One Thousand eight hundred & eight between William Corley & Betsey his wife of Bedford County of the one part, and Thomas Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Corley & Betsey his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixty pounds in hand paid by the said Thomas Wright the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge themselves fully and well satisfied therewith hath sold their right and title unto the said Thomas Wright

of One Negro Girl by the name of Jude being the same Negro left her by her Father by will to have and to hold the said Negro unto the only proper use and behoof of him the said Thomas Wright & his heirs and assigns forever without any hindrance or disturbance from any person or persons that shall or may lay any Claim or Claims right or title to the above sold Negro, and the said William Corley & Betsey his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend the same against themselves their heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns. In Witness whereof the said William Corley & Betsey his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day and Year above written

Signed and Sealed
In presents of
Test
George Horn
Peter Horn
Matthew Wright

William Corley
her
Elizabeth x Corley
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of September 1808.

This Bill of Sale from William Corley & Betsey his wife to Thomas Wright was proved by the oath of Peter Horn & Matthew Wright two subscribing witnesses & Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

William Corley was not listed in the index to the 1810 Census for either Bedford or Franklin County.

The conclusive proof that Elizabeth (Wright) Corley was the daughter of 1803 John Wright is given in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 24/481 dated December 14, 1834, in which Elizabeth Wright, the widow of 1803 John Wright, referred to her and her husband's daughter as Elizabeth Corley:

"Know all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to Joel Wright my grandson of the aforesaid County and State, and for the further consideration that the negro woman hereafter named was left by my husband John Wright Dec'd to his daughter Elizabeth Corley to be her property at my death and the said Elizabeth Corley conveyed her right to Tommy Wright and the said Tommy Wright conveyed the said right to John Wright and the said John Wright conveyed the said right to the said Joel Wright

and the said Joel Wright conveyed his right to me in a compromise in a suit betwixt myself plaintiff and John & Tommy Wright defendants and also for the further consideration that the said Joel Wright is to bear his proportional part with John Wright for my future board and expence during my life time and also for the further consideration of one dollar . . . by these presents do give & grant unto the said Joel Wright his heirs etc. a certain negro woman by the name of Judah it being the same alluded to above and her five children Viz a boy named Jim, a girl named Susan, Boy named Peter, girl named Dicey, and girl named Nancy, but the above named Susan, Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife has a life estate in by a deed of gift, which this deed of gift is subject to, ..."

The original edition of Our Kin stated that Elizabeth Wright who married Thomas Hambleton on May 21, 1783, was the daughter of 1803 John Wright. This was corrected by Mrs. Parker in her marginal notes to her work; she noted that 1803 John Wright's daughter Elizabeth married William Corley.

The 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky listed William Corley with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Wm Corley	80	Farmer	Virginia
Elizabeth Corley	75		Virginia

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Corley was born about 1775 and that William Corley was born about 1770.

William Corley was not listed separately in the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt included family group sheets which stated that William Corley moved to Ohio County, Kentucky, in 1809 and then to Hancock County, Kentucky, where he died in 1871 at the age of 101.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Eckstadt listed the children of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley as follows:

1) Judith "Judah" (Corley) Brown,
2) Jabez Corley, born on February 15, 1808,
3) Ransom Corley,
4) Wright Corley,

5) Jasper Corley,

6) Julia (Corley) Lyons,

7) Agnes "Aggie" (Corley) Lyons,

8) Mahalia or Milly (Corley) Whitely,

9) Lottie (Corley) Watts, and

10) Elizabeth "Betsy" (Corley) Brinkley.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley were the following:

1) Judith "Judah" (Corley) Brown, born probably before 1801 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Jabez Corley, born on February 15, 1808, or about 1804 or 1805 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Ransom Corley,

4) Wright Corley,

5) Jasper Corley,

6) Julia (Corley) Lyons,

7) Agnes "Aggie" (Corley) Lyons,

8) Mahalia or Milly (Corley) Whitely,

9) Lottie (Corley) Watts, and

10) Elizabeth "Betsy" (Corley) Brinkley or Brickey.

a. Judith "Judah" (Corley) Brown And Her Husband William Brown

Judith "Judah" (Corley) Brown was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed family group sheets that stated that Judith Corley married William Brown on July 1, 1816, at Ohio County, Kentucky, and that Judith died at Hancock County, Kentucky.

If Judith was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1802. Since William Corley was residing in Bedford County at that time, her place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

b. Jabez Corley, His Wife Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, And His Descendants

Jabez Corley was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed at page 543 Jabez Corley with the following household:

Name	Age	Born
Corley, Jabez	45	Virginia
Tabitha	43	Virginia
Andrew J.	20	Kentucky
William H.	17	Kentucky
John	16	Kentucky
Charles	15	Kentucky
Isaac	14	Kentucky
Margaret	12	Kentucky
George	11	Kentucky
Bashaby	9	Kentucky
Kitty	7	Kentucky
Ellis	4	Kentucky
Elizabeth	3	Kentucky
Catharine Whitely	35	Kentucky

This record indicates a birth date of approximately 1805 for Jabez Corley, but confirms that he was born in Virginia.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Edkstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Jabez Corley at page 43 of the Pellville Voting District with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Corley, Jabez	66	Farmer	Virginia
Tabitha	63	Keeps house	Virginia
Margaret	33	At home	Kentucky
Elizabeth	22	At home	Kentucky
Mathews, Martha	20	At home	Kentucky
?, Mary	19	At home	Kentucky
?, Franklin	16	Works on farm	Illinois
Whitely, Kitty(?)	55	Living in family	Kentucky

This record indicates a birth date of approximately 1804 for Jabez Corley.

In her family group sheets enclosed with Mrs. Eckstadt's letter dated February 8, 1978, was a letter from Mrs. Velva Short dated July 17, 1976, in which Mrs. Short stated that Jabez Corley was born on February 15, 1808, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died October 2, 1874, and was buried at Hancock County, Kentucky.

Mrs. Short also stated that he married Tabitha Whitely who was born on November 27, 1807, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on July 8, 1880, and was buried at Hancock County, Kentucky.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley were the following:

1) Susanna (Corley) Mathis,

2) Andrew Jackson Corley, born about 1827 or 1830 at Kentucky, probably Hancock County, Kentucky,

3) William H. Corley, born about 1832 or 1833 at Kentucky, probably Hancock County, Kentucky,

4) John Corley, born about 1834 or 1835 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky,

5) Charles F. Corley, born about 1835 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky,

6) Isaac T. Corley, born on May 1, 1836, at Kentucky, probaby at Hancock County, Kentucky,

7) Margaret Ann (Corley) (Morrison) Voyles, born about 1837 or 1838 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky,

8) George W. Corely, born about 1838 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky,

9) Bathsheba (Corley) Stinett, born about 1840 or 1841 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky,

10) Kitty Jane (Corley) McDaniel, born about 1842 or 1843 at Kentucky, probably Hancock County, Kentucky,

11) Ellis Corley, born about 1845 or 1846 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky, and

12) Elizabeth Corley, born about 1847 at Kentucky, probably at Hancock County, Kentucky.

i. Susanna (Corley) Mathis And Her Husband James Mathis

Susanna (Corley) Mathis was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Susanna Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley and married James Mathis.

ii. Andrew Jackson Corley, His Wife Lydia Ann (Harrison) Corley, And His Descendants

Andrew Jackson Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Andrew J. Corley in the Jabez Corley household and his age as 20 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1830.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Jackson Corley with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
Jackson Corley	43	Farmer	$800	$800	Kentucky
Lydia Corley	40	Keeps hse			Kentucky
William Corley	16	works on farm			Kentucky
James Corley	14	works on farm			Kentucky
Isaac Corley	12	works on farm			Kentucky
George Corley	10				Kentucky
Julia Corley	8	at home			Kentucky
Charles Corley	6	at home			Kentucky
Robert Corley	4	at home			Kentucky
Sarah Corley	8/12	at home			Kentucky
Sarah Dinno(?)		Housekeeper			Kentucky

This record indicates that Jackson Corley was born about 1827 and that Lydia Corley was born about 1830.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Andrew Jackson Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1830, married Lydia Ann Harrison, and died in 1892.

iii. William H. Corley, His Wives Eliza Jane (Clark) Corley And Olla (Clark) Corley, And His Descendants

William H. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed William H. Corley in the Jabez Corley household and his age as 17 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed William Corley with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
Wm Corley	38	Farmer	$1500	$1000	Kentucky
Eliza Corley	44	Keeps hse			Kentucky
Sarah Corley	16	At home			Kentucky
Emma Corley	13	At home			Kentucky
Tabitha Corley	10	At home			Kentucky
Rosa Corley	8	At home			Kentucky

This record indicates that William H. Corley was born about 1832 and that Eliza Corley was born about 1826.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that William H. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1832, married first Eliza Jane Clark and second Olla Clark, and died in 1920.

iv. John Corley

John Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed John Corley in the Jabez Corley household and his age as 16 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1834.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that John Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley and was born in 1835.

v. Charles F. Corley And His Wife Amelia (Stinnett) Corley

Charles F. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Charles Corley in the Jabez Corley

household and his age as 15 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1835.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that John Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1836, married Amelia Stinett, and died in 1911.

vi. Isaac T. Corley, His Wife Rachel Ann (McDaniel) Corley, And His Descendants

Isaac T. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Isaac Corley in the Jabez Corley household and his age as 14 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1836.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Isaac Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born on May 1, 1836, married Rachel Ann McDaniel on September 21, 1857, at Hancock County, Kentucky, and died on November 28, 1897, that Rachel Ann (McDaniel) Corley was born on November 13, 1829, and died on April 27, 1893, and that they had the following children:

1) Eldred Corley, born in 1858,
2) Mary (Corley) Buck, born in 1860,
3) Kitty Jane (Corley) Voyles, born in 1861,
4) Sarah (Corley) (Crew) (Gabbert) Baker,
5) ____ Corley, born in 1865,
6) Reuben Corley, born in 1866, and
7) Cicero Milton Corley, born on February 7, 1868.

vii. Margaret Ann (Corley) (Morrison) Voyles And Her Husbands James Morrison And _____ Voyles

Margaret Ann (Corley) (Morrison) Voyles was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Margaret Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 12 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1838.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Margaret Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 33 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1837.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Margaret Ann Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1838, and married first James Morrison and second _____ Voyles.

viii. George W. Corley

George W. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed George Corley in the Jabez Corley household and his age as 11 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1839.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that George W. Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1848 (1838?) and died in 1868.

ix. Bathsheba (Corley) Stinnett And Her Husband William Stinnett

Bathsheba (Corley) Stinnett was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Bashaby Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 9 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Bathsheba Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1840, and married William Stinnett.

x. Kitty Jane (Corley) McDaniel And Her Husband George W. McDaniel

Kitty Jane (Corley) McDaniel was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Kitty Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 7 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Kitty Jane Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1842, married George W. McDaniel, and died in 1915.

xi. Ellis Corley

Ellis Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Ellis Corley in the Jabez Corley

household and his age as 4 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Ellis Corley aged 45 and born in Kentucky.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Ellis Corley was a son of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley, was born in 1845.

xii. Elizabeth Corley

Elizabeth Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1850 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Elizabeth Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 3 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed Elizabeth Corley in the Jabez Corley household and her age as 22 and born in Kentucky, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Elizabeth Corley was a daughter of Jabez Corley and Tabitha (Whitely) Corley and was born in 1847.

c. Ransom Corley And His Wife Nancy (Lyons) Corley

Ransom Corley was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed family group sheets that stated that Ransom Corley married Nancy Lyons, was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley, died in January 1848 at Shelby County, Illinois, and is buried in the Corley Cemetery at Shelby County, Illinois.

d. Wright Corley, His Wife ____ (____) Corley, And His Descendants

Wright Corley was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed family group sheets that stated that Wright Corley was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley, married, and had a son James Corley who was born in 1831 at Hancock County, Kentucky. Her source for this information was Mrs. Bonita K. Cauley Lund, a descendant of Wright Corley.

i. James Corley, His Wife Julia (Isom) Corley, And His Descendants

James Corley was a son of Wright Corley and ____ (____) Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Wright[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt stated that the 1870 Census for Hancock County, Kentucky, listed James Corley with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
James Corley	39	Farmer	$380	$235	Kentucky
Julia Corley	34	Keeps hse			Kentucky
John Corley	12	At home			Kentucky
Eldred Corley	10	At home			Kentucky
James Corley	8	At home			Kentucky
Margaret Corley	5	At home			Kentucky
Edward Corley	2	At home			Kentucky

This record indicates that James Corley was born about 1831 and that Julia (____) Corley was born about 1836.

e. Jasper Corley

Jasper Corley was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Jasper Corley was a son of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley.

f. Julia (Corley) Lyons, Her Husband Solomon Lyons, And Her Descendants

Julia (Corley) Lyons was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Julia Corley was a daughter of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley, married Solomon Lyons, and moved to Illinois.

g. Agnes "Aggie" (Corley) Lyons And Her Husband James Lyons

Agnes (Corley) Lyons was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Agnes Corley was a daughter of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley, married James Lyons, and moved to Illinois.

h. Mahalia Or Milly (Corley) Whitely And Her Husband William Whitely

Mahalia or Milly (Corley) Whitely was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Mahalia Corley was a daughter of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and married Whilliam Whitely.

In her letter dated January 29, 1981, Mrs. Dot Watkins stated that Mahalia (Corley) Whitely was known as Milly and died in Ohio County, Kentucky.

i. Lottie (Corley) Watts And Her Husband _____ Watts

Lottie (Corley) Watts was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Lottie Corley was a daughter of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and married _____ Watts.

j. Elizabeth "Betsy" (Corley) Brinkley And Her Husband Daniel Or David Brinkley

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Corley) Brinkley was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Corley and William Corley. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Elizabeth[3], Jabez[4])

In her letter dated February 8, 1978, Mrs. Ida Eckstadt enclosed a letter dated July 17, 1976, from Mrs. Velva Short which stated that Elizabeth Corley was a daughter of William Corley and Elizabeth (Wright) Corley, married David Brinkley, and moved to Illinois.

In her letter dated January 29, 1981, Mrs. Dot Watkins, R.1, Box 950, Hawesville, Kentucky 42348, stated that Elizabeth Corley married Daniel Brickey on November 23, 1935, at Hancock County, Kentucky, that they were residing at Breckenridge County, Kentucky, in 1850, and that he or she died in Illinois.

6. Mary "Polly" (Wright) Hopper And Her Husband Joseph Hopper

Mary "Polly" (Wright) Hopper was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Mary Wright and Joseph Hopper was dated on December 8, 1795, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of John Wright and Anthony Wright as surety:

> "December 8th Day 1795 to the Clark of Bedford Sir you may give out liceings to Joseph Hopper and Mary Wright Receit from me John Wright
>
> test
> Anthony Wright
> Lewis Hopper

I know all men by these presents that We Joseph Hopper & Anthony Wright are held and firmly bound unto Robert Brooke Esquire Governor or chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia in the Sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Robert Brooke or to his Successors We bind ourselves and each of us our each of ____ & Several Heirs Exors & Admrs firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 8th day of Decr. 1795.

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between Joseph Hopper & Mary Wright now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above Oblign to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue.

Signed Sealed &) Joseph Hopper
in presence of) Anthony Wright

December th 10 1795 - This is to Certify that Joseph Hopper and Mary Wright Is Lawfully Joined together in the State of Holy mattremony By me William Johnson - To W Benjamin Rice"

The consent of John Wright in the marriage bond indicates that Mary was under 21 years of age at the time of marriage and, therefore, was born after 1774. If she was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1780. Since 1803 John Wright was living in Bedford County between 1774 and 1780, Mary's place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Polley as one of his children:

". . . . 6th I do give to my daughter Polley one negroe Girl named Hannah also Ten pounds in property to be delivered to her when ever my wife thinks proper . . . ."

Joseph Hopper was not listed in the index to the 1810 Census for either Bedford or Franklin Counties.

The complaint of William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge dated January 25, 1844, and filed in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 413 listed

Polly Wright as married to Joseph Hopper and that they then resided outside of the state:

> ". . . . Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that the said Sarah Wright intermarried with William Wheeler both of whom now reside out of this state That the said Betsy Wright intermarried with Wm Corley & the said Polly Wright intermarried with Joseph Hopper all of whom likewise reside out of this state. . . ."

The summons in File 413 listed his name as Joseph Harper.

On September 25, 1844, William McGeorge filed his affidavit in File 413 that Joseph and Polly Hopper then resided outside of Virginia:

> "Bedford County Towit
>
> This day William McGeorge came before me a justice of the peace for said County & made oath William Wheeler & Sarah his wife, Wm Corley & Betsy his wife Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife defendants in a chancery suit deppending in Bedford Circuit Superior Court in which the said Wm McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs and Tommy Wright & others are defendants reside out of the limits of this state as this affiant has been informed and verily believes Given under my hand this 25 day of Sept 1844
>
> William Terry J.P."

Our Kin incorrectly stated that Mary Wright married Benjamin Watts. The corrections to Our Kin stated that Mary Wright married Ballinger Mays, but that is also incorrect.

7. Rhoda (Wright) Hurt, Her Husband Henry Hurt, And Her Descendants

Rhoda (Wright) Hurt was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The marriage bond of Rhoda Wright and Henry Hurt was dated on December 24, 1798, at Bedford County, Virginia, with John Wright as surety:

> "Know all Men by these Presents that we Henry Hurt & John Wright are held & firmly bound unto James Wood Esquire Governor or Chief Magistrate of the State of Virginia in the Sum of one Hundred & fifty Dollars to which Payment well & truly to be made to the Said James Wood or to his Successors we bind ourselves and each of us our and of our heirs Executors and admrs Jointly &

Severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 24th day of December 1798

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the ____ marriage Shortly intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Henry Hurt & Rhoda Wright now if there Shall be no Lawful cause to Obstruct the said Marriage the the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue

Signed & Ackd) Henry Hurt
in Presence) John Wright"

If Rhoda Wright and Henry Hurt were at least 16 years of age at the time of their marriage, their dates of birth would be probably before 1783. Since 1803 John Wright was residing in Bedford County before 1783, the place of birth of Rhoda was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

On April 12, 1802, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/543 Henry Hurt purchased 135 acres of land from his father-in-law 1803 John Wright:

"This Indenture made the twelth day of April One Thousand Eight hundred and two between John Wright and Bettee his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part & Henry Hurt of the said County of the Other Part Witnesseth that the said John Wright & Bettee his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of $67 ten Shillings current money of Virginia have given granted bargained and sold unto the said Henry Hurt and his heirs one certain tract or parcel of land in the county of Bedford on the long branch of Beverdam Creek Containing one hundred and thirty five acres be the same more or less - Begining at a posimmion tree on a branch on Burtons line thence his line S 25 _ 146 poles to pointers on said line thence S 60 W 39 poles to a Spanish Oak on Watts line then along his line S 48 W 145 poles to a red Oak on Hollidays line thence N 34 W 82 poles to a black Gum on a branch thence up the branch as it manders N 36 E 223 poles to the first Station together with all its appurtenances To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land __ appurtenances unto the said Henry Hurt and his heirs and the said John Wright and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Henry Hurt and his heirs will forever Warrant and defend In Witness Whereof the said Jno Wright and his Wife have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered John Wright
in presence of ____ Betsey Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of April 1802. This Indenture was acknowledged by John Wright & Betsy his Wife parties thereto - The said

Betsey having been first priviliy Examined according to Law voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in and to the Lands and premises conveyed by this Indenture which is Ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

This was one-half of the land purchased by 1803 John Wright at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 6/329 and its location is given in the section on 1803 John Wright above.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Rhoda as one of his children:

". . . . 7th I do give to my daughter Rhoda a negroe girl which she now has in custody named Jane, ..."

Henry Hurt was not listed in the index to the 1810 Census for either Bedford or Franklin Counties.

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Henry Hurt was dated December 20, 1826, and filed on February 26, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 6/378:

"The appraisement of the estate of Henry Hurt decd

one negro man named Bailey	$350.00		
Do. negro man name Hardy	$400.00	750.00	
one Do. one boy name Anthony	320.00		
Do boy name Lewis	300.00	620.00	
one Do. boy name Frank	160.00		
Do boy name Claburn	200.00	360.00	
one negro woman namd Judy	230.00		
Do.negro girl name Jane	350.00	580.00	
one negro girl name Lucy	200.00		
Do. negro girl Vina	110.00	310.00	2620.00
one negro man named Ben, thought to be an expence	--		
one red cow, with horns	$10.00		
one pide cow, no horns	$12.00	22.00	
one pide cow, with horns & bell	$10.00		
pide cow, no horns	$10.00	20.00	
one red cow no horns	$10.00		

one pide cow, no horns	$8.00	18.00	
one pide cow, with horns		10.00	70.00
one pide heifer no horns	$5.00		
red heifer no horns	$5.00	10.00	
one pide heifer with horns	$6.00		
pided heifer, with horns	$4.00	10.00	
one pide yearling with horns	$3.00		
pided heifer no horns	$3.00	6.00	
one pided bull yearling	$3.00		
pided yearling no horns	$1.50	4.50	
eighteen head of sheep @ 10/	$30.00		
1 sow & 4 pigs	$4.00	34.00	
one sow & 5 pigs	$4.00		
one sow & 5 pigs	$4.00		
1 sow with pig	$2.50	10.50	
four shoats @ 9/	$6.00		
four Ditto @/6/	$4.00	10.00	80.00
one wheat fan	$12.00		
one h.h.d	$1.50		
one Do	$1.00		
3 Do. @ 4/6	$2.25	16.75	
one cutting box & knife	$2.00		
1 scythe & cradle	$12.00		
1 Ditto	$9.00	5.50	
one haikle	$1.50		
one harrow	$2.00		
one dagon plow	$3.00	6.50	
one dagon plow	$2.50		
four shovel ploughs & stocks	$4.00	6.50	35.20
three shovel plows @ 1/6			
four coulters & stocks @ 4/	$3.00	3.75	
four clerices & swingletree @ 1/6	$1.25		
9 hilling hoes @ 1/6	$2.25	3.50	
two mattocks @ 6/	$2.00		
five narrow axes @ 6/	$5.00	7.00	
one hand axe	$1.00		
one iron wedge 3/ 1 froe 6/			
1 pitchfork 3/		3.00	
old chains	.25		
Scales & weights	$1.25	1.50	
four empty barrels @ 1/6		1.00	19.70
three flour barrels @ 9d	.37cts		
one brass kettle	$3.50	3.87	
one flase wheel 3/ one flax			

wheel 9d 1 grindstone	$4.00	4.63	
one kettle & kook	$2.50		
one oven (small) 25 cts		2.75	
one large oven & lid	$2.00		
one large pot & hooks	$1.50	3.50	
one small pot 6/ one ditto &			
hooks 4/		1.75	
one oven & lid 6/			
one biscuit baker 6/		2.00	
one frying pan 4/6			
two fine shovels & tongs	$1.00	1.75	20.28
two smoothing irons 6/			
one large pale 3/			
2 piggins 1/6	$1.75		
one half bushel measure 50 cts			
one tea kettle 75 cts		1.25	
one meal sifter 50 cts			
one loom 15/ one spade 6/		3.00	
one kitchen table $1			
one pair iron spaniels 25 cts		1.25	
one foreplane 3/ one jointer			
stock & croes 9d		.52	7.
one cann $1-two large pigs & one			
small ditto $		2.00	
four butter pots & 1 pitcher	$2.00		
3 pewter basons	$2.00	4.00	
one churn	$1.00		
three meal tubs	.50		
1 small brass kettle	$1.00	2.50	
one small skillet 25 cts			
3 augers and 2 chissels	$1.00	1.25	
one draw & knife & claw hammer	$1.00		
1 patent clock	$25.00	26.00	35.7
one desk	$10.00		
one cupboard	$15.00		
1 folding table	$8.00		
1 Ditto	$4.00	37.00	
one sett winsor chairs	$6.00		
1 rifle gun & shot pouch	$20.00	26.00	
one tea board 6/ 1 tin trunk 4/6			
1 sugar box 3/ 1 looking glass 3/		2.75	
one womans saddle & bridle	$15.00		
1 womans saddle	$12.00	27.00	
one womans saddle (old)	$5.00		

one womans saddle (old)	$3.50	8.50	
one pair saddle bags	$2.50		
one mans saddle	$12	14.50	105.75
one book case	$4.00		
1 cotton wheel 12/ 1 cut reel 9/		7.50	
one cotton wheel 12/ one flase wheel 24/		6.00	
one castor 7/6 2 quart decanters 6/ 1 cruit waiter & 6 tumblers 75 cts		3.00	
one waiters cups & saucers	$1.00		
lott teapot &c 4/6 2 bowls and pitcher 6/		2.75	
three salt sellers & set tablespoons	$1.00		
earthern plates 4/6, four dishes 7/6		3.00	21.2
one looking glass 50 cts			
two handsaws	$1.50		
one trunk	$2.00	4.00	
one bed & furniture	$20.00		
one bed	$8.00	28.00	
one bed & furniture	$20.00		
one bed & furniture	$20.00	40.00	
one coffee mill 50 cts one bed	$8.00		
one bed & furniture	$20.00	28.50	
one bed & furniture	$18.00		
3 cotton counterpians & 1 blanket	$15.00	33.00	
one X cut saw	$6.00		
one large chest 50 cts		6.50	140.00
one waggon & trough & sheet	$75.00		
4 halterchains & collars	$2.00	77.00	
one pr stretchers & swingletrees	$1.50		
2 pr kind gear complete	$10.00	11.50	
one pr foregear complete	$4.00		
one Do.	$3.00		
one Do.	$2.50	9.50	
lot of old gear	$1.25		
one hilling hoe 37cts		1.62	99.
one sorrel poney	$35.00		
1 bay mare	$15.00	50.00	
one gray mare	$70.00		
1 sorrellmare	$85.00		

one pack screws	$3.00	158.00	218.00
one pair steelyard	$1.40		
one rawhide	$2.87	4.27	4.27
			$3477.76

Agreeable to an order of Bedford court to us directed, we have appraised the estate of Henry Hurt decd as is above Given under our hands this 20th day of December 1826

Jeremiah Adams
William Holaday
Nathaniel Newsom

Bedford county to wit this is to certify that the above named appraisers was duly qualified before me a justice of the peace for the said county. Given under my hand this 20th day of Decr 1826

Wm Shrewsbury

Betsy Brown daughter of Henry Hurts deceased
the following property handed off to her

one horse $61.- one cow $12. one bed &c $8-	$ 1.00	
saddle & bridle $12- two sheep $3 - one hog $3-	18.00	
one flasewheel $4- 1 set plates 50 cts one oven $20	6.50	
one large pewter bason $1- one dish pewter $-	2.00	
		$107.50

At a court held for Bedford County, at the courthouse Feby 26th 1827 The preceeding Inventory & appraisement of the estate of Henry Hurt deceased, was returned to Court, & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

An allotment dated March 1, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/29 confirmed land of Henry Hurt, deceased, to his unnamed widow:

"Pursuant to an ordering the County Court of Bedford made at the February Term 1828 we have proceeded to allot to the widow of Henry Hurt deceased her dower in the real Estate of the said decedent including the Mansion house Viz Beginning at McGeorges Holladys Waldrons corner Spanish oak Stump thence along Waldrons line No 27 E 146 poles to his Corner pointers (off thence New dividing lines N 18-1/4° W. 64 poles to a small black Gum near the mouth of a lane thence along the lane S 82 W 29 poles to a stump and pile of rocks Thence

N 74-1/2 W 46 poles to a stump on a branch where a path crosses said branch just above the fork Thence down the branch as it meanders S 43 W 4 poles to the fork thence down the main branch as it meanders S 3º E 39 poles S 37-1/2 W 50 poles S 62-1/2 W 30 poles & 23-1/2 W 7 poles to Adams Corner on said branch off Thence along his lines S 35-1/2 E 82 poles to the first station containing 79-1/2 acres Given under our hands this first day of March 1828.

Jeremiah Adams
William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

3 Commrs 1 day each 2$ pr day

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof the 24th day of March 1828. This allottment of the dower lands of the Estate of Henry Hurt deceased was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.t S.C."

A second allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 divided the slaves of Henry Hurt among his widow and children:

"In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.

Lott No 1 drawn by Florentine Hurt		
Pleasant a Negroe boy appraised to	$85.00	
To receive from Lott No 5 Hardy	124.00	
To receive from Lott No 6 Bailey	17.00	$226.00
Lott No 2 drawn by Jane Hurt		
Frank a Negro boy appraised to	$200.00	
To receive from Lott No 7 Jona	26.00	226.00
Lott No 3 drawn by William Hurt		
Vina a Negroe girl appraised to	$125.00	
To receive from Lott No 6 Bailey	55.00	
To receive from Lott No 8 Lewis	46.00	226.00
Lott No 4 drawn by Elizabeth Brown		
Jada a Negroe woman appraised to	$160.00	

To receive from Lott No 8 Lewis	28.00	
To receive from Lott No 7 Jona	38.00	226.00
Lott No 5 drawn by Nancy Hurt		
Hardy a Negroe man appraised to	$350.00	
To pay to Lot No 1 Pleasant	124.00	$226.00
Lott No 6 drawn by Henry Hurt		
Bailey a Negro man appraised to	$298.00	
To pay to Lot No 1 Pleasant $17.00		
To pay to Lott No 3 Vina 55.00	72.00	226.00
Lott No 7 drawn by John Hurt		
Jone a Negroe woman appraised to	$290.00	
To pay to Lot No 2 Frank $26.00		
To pay to Lott No 4 Juda 38.00	64.00	226.00
Lott No 8 drawn by Mildred Campbell		
Lewis a negroe boy appraised to	$300.00	
To pay to Lott No 3 Vina $26.00		
To pay to Lott No 4 Juda 28.00	74.00	226.00
To Rhoda Hurt Widow		
Anthony Appraised at	$350.00	
Lucy a Girl	230.00	
Claiborne a boy	260.00	
To receive from the Legatees	42.00	882.00

Given under our hands this 20th day of March 1828

Chd 1 days Service) Jeremiah Adams
at Court) William Shrewsbury
@ $2. pr day Isaac James

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof the 24th day of March 1828. This allottment of the personal Estate of Henry Hurt deceased among the distributees was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. O. Mitchell C.B.C."

From these records the family of Henry Hurt can be identified as follows:

Widow: Rhoda Hurt

Children: (1) Elizabeth Brown;

(2) Mildred Campbell;

(3) Jane Hurt;

(4) John Hurt;

(5) William Hurt;

(6) Nancy Hurt;

(7) Florentine Hurt; and

(8) Henry Hurt.

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt was dated December 15, 1830, probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen, I Rhoda Hurt of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia being in a low state of health but of sound mind & perfect memory and knowing it is allotted for all of the human family once to die, do ordain this to be my last will & testament as follows to wit. First I do give to my daughter Elizabeth Allard five dollars to be paid unto her so soon as the sale of my property and the sales become due. Secondly I do give unto my daughter Mildred Campbell twenty dollars to be paid unto her as above unto Elizabeth. Thirdly I do give unto my daughter Jane Hurt twenty dollars to be paid unto her as unto my daughters above. Fourthly I do give to my son John W Hurt the house he now has in possession, and one third part of my land which I have an absolute rite to. Fifthly I do give to my son William Hurt one third part of my land which I have an absolute right to, also the Colt of the sorrel mares and as much as will make the value of the same equal to what Johns now are allso thirty fore dollars to be paid unto him as unto my daughters. 6th I do give to my daughter Nancy Hurt one horse and saddle. 7th I do give unto my daughter Florentine Hurt one horse and saddle 8th I do give unto my son Patrick Henry Hurt one horse and saddle, and one third part of my land which I have an absolute right to. Ninthly I do will all the balance of my property if any shall be equally divided between my five youngest children Viz John, William, Nancy, Florentine & Patrick Henry. Lastly I do appoint my brother John Wright and my son John W Hurt Executors to this my last will and testament, as whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Signed & acknowledged Rhoda Hurt
in the presence of
Noth Newsom
Joel Wright
Braxton Newsom

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of July 1831. This last will and Testament of Rhoda Hurt Deceased was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Joel Wright & Braxton Newsom subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John Wright & John W Hurt the executors named in said will who made oath and gave bond & security according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Ro C Mitchell C.B.C."

This record listed the same children as in Henry Hurt's will except as follows:

(1) Elizabeth Brown was listed as Elizabeth Allard;

(4) John Hurt was listed as John W. Hurt; and

(8) Henry Hurt was listed as Patrick Henry Hurt.

Children 4 through 8 were listed as Rhoda's youngest children.

The admission of the will to probate was also recorded in July 1831 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/234:

"The last will & Testament of Rhoda Hurt deceased produced in court proved by the oaths of Joel Wright & Braxton Newsom subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded And on the motion of John Wright & John W Hurt the executors in said will named certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereof whereupon they qualified as the law directs and together with John S Hurt their securitys entered and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned according to law"

In November 1834 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/19 an accounting for the estate of Rhoda Hurt was filed with the court:

"An account current of the estate of Rhoda Hurt Deceased with John Wright her Executor returned to Court, and ordered to lie one month for exceptions."

In December 1834 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/22 the accounting for the estate of Rhoda Hurt was ordered recorded:

"An account current of the estate of Rhoda Hurt Deceased with John Wright her Executor, having lain since the last term for exceptions, and none being taken thereto, the same is ordered to be recorded."

In January 1837 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/315 Joseph Wilson was ordered to settle the accounting for the estate of Rhoda Hurt:

> "Ordered that Joseph Wilson the Commissioner of this Court, state and settle the account Current of the estate of Rhoda Hurt Deceased with John Wright her Executor, and make report to Court."

The complaint of William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge dated January 25, 1844, and filed in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 413 listed Rhody Wright as married to Henry Hurt and then deceased:

> ". . . . That the said Rhody Wright intermarried with Henry Hurt & survived her husband and has departed this life intestate since the death of her said husband and the said Joseph Wright has likewise departed this life intestate and administration on both of their estates has likewise been committed to the said Nicholas Robertson High Sheriff as aforesaid . . . ."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt were the following:

1) Elizabeth (Hurt) (Brown) Allard, born probably before 1804 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mildred S. (Hurt) Campbell, born probably before 1812 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Jane (Hurt) Irvine, born probably before 1822 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John W. Hurt, born probably before 1816 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) William Hurt, born before March 24, 1828, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher, born about 1816 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher, born in 1818 or about 1823 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

8) Patrick Henry Hurt, born about 1824 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

a. Elizabeth (Hurt) (Brown) Allard And Her Husbands William Brown And Allard

Elizabeth (Hurt) (Brown) Allard was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

The marriage bond of Elizabeth Hurt and William H. Brown was dated on September 27, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, with A. I. Agee as surety. If Elizabeth Hurt was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage to William H. Brown, then her birth date would be probably before 1804. Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County, her place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Elizabeth Brown as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
> . . . .
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> | | | |
> |---|---|---|
> | Lott No 4 drawn by Elizabeth Brown | | |
> | Jada a Negroe woman appraised to | $160.00 | |
> | To receive from Lott No 8 Lewis | 28.00 | |
> | To receive from Lott No 7 Jona | 38.00 | 226.00 |
>
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Elizabeth Allard as one of her children:

> ". . . . First I do give to my daughter Elizabeth Allard five dollars to be paid unto her so soon as the sale of my property and the sales become due. . . ."

The listing of Elizabeth as Elizabeth Brown in the Division and Allotment at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 on March 24, 1828, and as Elizabeth Allard in Rhoda (Wright) Hurt's will dated December 15, 1830, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 indicates that Elizabeth was married twice and that her first husband had died before December 15, 1830 and she had remarried.

No marriage bond has as yet been found for Elizabeth's second marriage to____ Allard.

b. Mildred S. (Hurt) Campbell And Her Husband Joseph Campbell

Mildred S. (Hurt) Campbell was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

The marriage bond of Mildred S. Hurt and Joseph Campbell was dated on January 9, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, with John W. Hurt as surety, and the marriage on January 9, 1827. If Mildred S. Hurt and Joseph Campbell were at least 16 years of age at the time of their marriage, then their dates of birth were probably before 1812. Since Henry Hurt was probably then residing in Bedford County, Mildred's place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Mildred Campbell as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
> . . . .
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> | | | | |
> |---|---|---|---|
> | Lott No 8 drawn by Mildred Campbell | | | |
> | Lewis a negroe boy appraised to | | $300.00 | |
> | To pay to Lott No 3 Vina $26.00 | | | |
> | To pay to Lott No 4 Juda | 28.00 | 74.00 | 226.00 |
>
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Mildred Campbell as one of her children:

> ". . . . Secondly I do give unto my daughter Mildred Campbell twenty dollars to be paid unto her as above unto Elizabeth. . . ."

c. Jane (Hurt) Irvine And Her Husband Benjamin Irvine

Jane (Hurt) Irvine was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of Jane Hurt was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Jane Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
> . . . .
>
> Lott No 2 drawn by Jane Hurt
> Frank a Negro boy appraised to $200.00
> To receive from Lott No 7 Jona 26.00 226.00
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Jane Hurt as one of her children:

> ". . . . Thirdly I do give unto my daughter Jane Hurt twenty dollars to be paid unto her as unto my daughters above. . . ."

The marriage bond of Jane Hurt and Benjamin Irvine was dated on January 23, 1837, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Alexander P. Price as surety.

1850 Bedford County, Va Census by Marvin U. Neighbors listed Benjamin H. Irvine with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Benjamin H. Irvine	69	Wheelwright	Virginia
Jane Irvine	43		Virginia
Mary A. E. Irvine	12		Virginia
Mary Campbell	12		Virginia

This record indicates that Jane (Hurt) Irvine was born in about 1807 and that Benjamin H. Irvine was born in about 1781.

d. John W. Hurt And His Wife Elizabeth (Board) Hurt

John W. Hurt was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of John W. or N. Hurt was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed John Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
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> | | | | |
> |---|---|---|---|
> | Lott No 7 drawn by John Hurt | | | |
> | Jone a Negroe woman appraised to | $290.00 | | |
> | To pay to Lot No 2 Frank | $26.00 | | |
> | To pay to Lott No 4 Juda | 38.00 | 64.00 | 226.00 |
>
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed John Hurt as one of her children:

> ". . . . Fourthly I do give to my son John W Hurt the house he now has in possession, and one third part of my land which I have an absolute rite to. . . ."

The Early Hurt Families Of Virginia stated that the marriage bond of John W. Hurt and Elizabeth Board was dated on November 1, 1831, at Bedford County.

e. William Hurt

William Hurt was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of William Hurt was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

There are three William Hurt marriages listed in Hinshaw:

December 24, 1810, William Hurt and Mary Rucker with Ambrose Rucker as surety;

January 26, 1819, William Hurt and Polly Preston with Stephen Preston as surety; and

April 26, 1819, William O. Hurt, son of Betsy Ann, and Lucy O. Hurt with Richard Freeman as surety.

Since Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt were married in 1798, then the first William Hurt marriage in 1810 would be too early to be their son. The third marriage of William O. Hurt lists him as the son of Betsy Ann and, therefore, could not be the son of Henry and Rhoda. The second William Hurt marriage in 1819 might be the son of Henry and Rhoda, but I think that is unlikely. Assuming William Hurt was the fifth child of Henry and Rhoda, he would not have been born until nearly 1810 and thus would not even be a teenager if married in 1819.

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed William Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

"In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
. . . .

Lott No 3 drawn by William Hurt		
Vina a Negroe girl appraised to	$125.00	
To receive from Lott No 6 Bailey	55.00	
To receive from Lott No 8 Lewis	46.00	226.00

. . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed William Hurt as one of her children:

". . . . Fifthly I do give to my son William Hurt one third part of my land which I have an absolute right to, also the Colt of the sorrel mares and as much as will

make the value of the same equal to what Johns now are allso thirty fore dollars to be paid unto him as unto my daughters. . . ."

f. Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher, Her Husband William L. Hatcher, And Her Descendants

Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Nancy Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

"In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
. . . .

Lott No 5 drawn by Nancy Hurt		
Hardy a Negroe man appraised to	$350.00	
To pay to Lot No 1 Pleasant	124.00	$226.00

. . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Nancy Hurt as one of her children:

". . . . 6th I do give to my daughter Nancy Hurt one horse and saddle. . . ."

The marriage bond of Nancy Hurt and William L. Hatcher was dated on November 5, 1832, at Bedford County, Virginia, and with William S. Hurt as surety on the bond and the consent of John W. Hurt, guardian for Nancy, and the marriage on November 6, 1832. If Nancy Hurt was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1817. The consent to the marriage by the guardian for Nancy suggests that she was under 21 years of age at the time of the marriage and, therefore, was probably born after 1811. Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of Nancy was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed William L. Hatcher with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
William L. Hatcher	44	Farmer	Virginia
Nancy Hatcher	34		Virginia
Henry C. Hatcher	12		Virginia
John W. Hatcher	10		Virginia
Jeremiah R.(?) Hatcher	8		Virginia
Robert E. Hatcher	6		Virginia
James W. Hatcher	4		Virginia
Charles L. Hatcher	1		Virginia
Joseph Stover	45	Teacher	Virginia

This record indicates that William L. Hatcher was born in about 1806 and that Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher was born about 1816.

Our Kin included the following information about William Logwood Hatcher and his family:

> "(2) William Logwood; was a local Baptist preacher, and lived near Salem, Va. It was through his efforts that the Fort Lewis Church of Roanoke County, Va., was built. He was pastor of this church for many years. He married Nancy Hurt.
>
> Children:
>
> (a) Cary; married Mary Zircle.
> (b) John; married Nannie ____
> (c) Jeremiah; married Jennie Jeter.
> (d) Robert E.; married Rebecca Dyerle.
> (e) Susan; married Jones Ligon.
> (f) Emmett; married Clara Benson, of Maryland.
> (g) Laura; married C. W. Chapman.
> (h) Charles; married Susan Thomas."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher were the following:

1) Henry Cary Hatcher, born about 1838 at Virginia,

2) John W. Hatcher, born about 1840 at Virginia,

3) Jeremiah R. Hatcher, born about 1842 at Virginia,

4) Robert E. Hatcher, born about 1844 at Virginia,

5) James W. Hatcher, born about 1846 at Virginia,

6) Charles L. Hatcher, born about 1849 at Virginia,

7) Susan (Hatcher) Ligon,

8) Emmett Hatcher, and

9) Laura (Hatcher) Chapman.

i. Henry Cary Hatcher And His Wife Mary (Zircle) Hatcher

Henry Cary Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Henry C. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1838.

Our Kin stated that Cary Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Mary Zircle.

ii. John W. Hatcher And His Wife Nannie (____) Hatcher

John W. Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed John W. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

Our Kin stated that John Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Nannie ____.

iii. Jeremiah R. Hatcher And His Wife Jennie (Jeter) Hatcher

Jeremiah R. Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Jeremiah R. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

Our Kin stated that Jeremiah Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Jennie Jeter.

iv. Robert E. Hatcher And His Wife Rebecca (Dyerle) Hatcher

Robert E. Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Robert E. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

Our Kin stated that Robert E. Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Rebecca Dyerle.

v. James W. Hatcher

James W. Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed James W. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

vi. Charles L. Hatcher And His Wife Susan (Thomas) Hatcher

Charles L. Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Charles L. Hatcher in the William L. Hatcher household and his age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

Our Kin stated that Charles L. Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Susan Thomas.

vii. Susan (Hatcher) Ligon And Her Husband Jones Ligon

Susan (Hatcher) Ligon was a daughter of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

Our Kin stated that Susan Hatcher was a daughter of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Jones Ligon.

viii. Emmett Hatcher And His Wife Clara (Benson) Hatcher

Emmett Hatcher was a son of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

Our Kin stated that Emmett Hatcher was a son of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married Clara Benson.

ix. Laura (Hatcher) Chapman And Her Husband C. W. Chapman

Laura (Hatcher) Chapman was a daughter of Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and William Logwood Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Nancy[4])

Our Kin stated that Laura Hatcher was a daughter of William Logwood Hatcher and Nancy (Hurt) Hatcher and married C. W. Chapman.

g. Florentine (Hurt) Hatcher, Her Husband Caleb H. Hatcher, And Her Descendants

Florentine (Hurt) Hatcher was a daughter of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Florentine Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
>
> Lott No 1 drawn by Florentine Hurt
>
> | | | |
> |---|---|---|
> | Pleasant a Negroe boy appraised to | $85.00 | |
> | To receive from Lott No 5 Hardy | 124.00 | |
> | To receive from Lott No 6 Bailey | 17.00 | $226.00 |
>
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Florentine Hurt as one of her children:

". . . . 7th I do give unto my daughter Florentine Hurt one horse and saddle . . . . "

The marriage bond of Florentine M. Hurt and Caleb H. Hatcher was dated on November 3, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Archibald P. Hatcher as surety on the bond and the consent of Joseph Campbell, guardian for Florentine, and the consent of George W. Hawkins, guardian for Caleb, and their marriage on December 8, 1836. If Florentine Hurt was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1821. The consent by the guardian of Florentine to the marriage suggests that she was under the age of 21 years and, therefore, probably born after 1815. Since Henry Hurt was probably residing in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of Florentine Hurt was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Caleb Hatcher with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Caleb Hatcher	32	Farmer	Virginia
Florentine Hatcher	27		Virginia
W. H. Hatcher	9		Virginia
Sarah Hatcher	6		Virginia
Wilson C. Hatcher	4		Virginia
Mildred J. Hatcher	2		Virginia

This record indicates a birth date of approximately 1823 for Florentine (Hurt) Hatcher and 1818 for Caleb Hatcher and confirms that they were born in Virginia.

DAR Lineage Book at #149149 for Lois Hatcher Simpson listed the dates of birth and death for Florentine (Hurt) Hatcher as 1818 and 1881 and for her husband Caleb as 1816 and 1901. One child was listed, W.C. Hatcher who was born in 1846, married to Annie M. Bulman in 1874, and died 1892. Further descendants are given, but there was no source for the information.

Our Kin included the following information regarding Caleb Henry Hatcher and Florentine (Hurt) Hatcher from a letter by John H. Hatcher dated November 1, 1829:

> ". . . . Caleb Henry married Florentine Hurt in 1836. She was a daughter of Henry Hurt and Rhoda Wright (a daughter of John Wright, a Rev. Soldier of Bedford County). One of their children was my father, Wilson Cary, born in 1846. He joined Company B, 10th Virginia Batallion of the Confederate Army when he was seventeen years old and served continuously until severly wounded and captured in the fighting around Richmond. He married Anne Bulman of King and Queen County in 1874, who still survives him. He engaged in the merchandise business in Bland County and died in 1892. It will surely be permitted me to write of him, that he was a high type of Christian gentlemen and was known for his business integrity and honor.
>
> The other children of Caleb Henry were: William (who was a Lieutenant in the Confederate Army and married Mary Grey Jones), Sallie (married Tom Sublett), Mildred (married Charles Bradley), James (married Willie D. Anderson, Lee (married Willie Davis), and Davis (married Jennie Tate)."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher were the following:

1) William H. Hatcher, born about 1841 at Virginia,
2) Sarah or Sallie (Hatcher) Sublett, born about 1844 at Virginia,
3) Wilson Cary Hatcher, born about 1846 at Virginia,
4) Mildred J. (Hatcher) Bradley, born about 1848 at Virginia,
5) James Hatcher,
6) Lee Hatcher, and
7) Davis Hatcher.

i. William H. Hatcher And His Wife Mary Grey (Jones) Hatcher

William H. Hatcher was a son of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed W. H. Hatcher in the Caleb Hatcher household and his age as 9 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

Our Kin stated that William Hatcher was a son of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher, that he was a lieutenant in the Confederate Army, and that he married Mary Grey Jones.

ii. Sarah Or Sallie (Hatcher) Sublett And Her Husband Tom Sublett

Sarah or Sallie (Hatcher) Sublett was a daughter of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah Hatcher in the Caleb Hatcher household and her age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

Our Kin stated that Sallie Hatcher was a daughter of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and that she married Tom Sublett.

iii. Wilson Cary Hatcher, His Wife Annie M. (Bulman) Hatcher, And His Descendants

Wilson Cary Hatcher was a son of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wilson C. Hatcher in the Caleb Hatcher household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

Our Kin included the following information about Wilson Cary Hatcher and his family from a letter by John H. Hatcher dated November 1, 1829:

> ". . . . Caleb Henry married Florentine Hurt in 1836. She was a daughter of Henry Hurt and Rhoda Wright (a daughter of John Wright, a Rev. Soldier of Bedford County). One of their children was my father, Wilson Cary, born in 1846. He joined Company B, 10th Virginia Batallion of the Confederate Army when he was seventeen years old and served continuously until severely wounded and captured in the fighting around Richmond. He married Anne Bulman of King and Queen County in 1874, who still survives him. He engaged in the merchandise business in Bland County and died in 1892. It will surely be permitted me to write of him, that he was a high type of Christian gentleman and was known for his business integrity and honor."

D.A.R. Lineage Book No. 149149 for Mrs. Lois Hatcher Simpson stated that W. C. Hatcher was born in 1846, married Annie M. Bulman, and died in 1892, that Annie M. (Bulman) Hatcher was born in 1842, and that they had the following child:

1) John H. Hatcher, born in 1875.

iv. Mildred J. (Hatcher) Bradley And Her Husband Charles Bradley

Mildred J. (Hatcher) Bradley was a daughter of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia listed Mildred J. Hatcher in the Caleb Hatcher household and her age as 2 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

Our Kin stated that Mildred Hatcher was a daughter of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and that she married Charles Bradley.

v. James Hatcher And His Wife Willie D. (Anderson) Hatcher

James Hatcher was a son of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

Our Kin stated that James Hatcher was a son of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and that he married Willie D. Anderson.

vi. Lee Hatcher And His Wife Willie (Davis) Hatcher

Lee Hatcher was a son of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

Our Kin stated that Lee Hatcher was a son of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and that he married Willie Davis.

vii. Davis Hatcher And His Wife Jennie (Tate) Hatcher

Davis Hatcher was a son of Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and Caleb Hatcher. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Florentine[4])

Our Kin stated that Davis Hatcher was a son of Caleb Hatcher and Florentine M. (Hurt) Hatcher and that he married Jennie Tate.

h. Patrick Henry Hurt, His Wife Nancy A. (Duckwiler) Hurt, And His Descendants

Patrick Henry Hurt was a son of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt and Henry Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3])

The division and allotment of the estate of Henry Hurt dated March 24, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/32 listed Henry Hurt as one of the children of Henry Hurt and Rhoda (Wright) Hurt:

> "In obedience to the order made by the worshipful Court of Bedford County we the undersigned Commissioners have divided the negroes of Henry Hurt deceased amongst his children as follows Viz.
> . . . .
>
> | | | | |
> |---|---|---|---|
> | Lott No 6 drawn by Henry Hurt | | | |
> | Bailey a Negro man appraised to | | $298.00 | |
> | To pay to Lot No 1 Pleasant | $17.00 | | |
> | To pay to Lott No 3 Vina | 55.00 | 72.00 | 226.00 |
>
> . . . ."

The will of Rhoda (Wright) Hurt dated December 15, 1830, and probated on July 25, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 7/512 listed Patrick Henry Hurt as one of her children:

> ". . . . 8th I do give unto my son Patrick Henry Hurt one horse and saddle, and one third part of my land which I have an absolute right to. Ninthly I do will all the balance of my property if any shall be equally divided between my five youngest children Viz John, William, Nancy, Florentine & Patrick Henry. . . ."

The Early Hurt Family Of Virginia stated that the marriage bond of Patrick Henry Hurt and Nancy Ann Duckwiler was dated on September 21, 1844, at Montgomery County, Virginia, with the marriage on October 3, 1844.

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Patrick H. Hurt with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Patrick H. Hurt	26	Farmer	Virginia
Nancy A. Hurt	22		Virginia
Mary A. Hurt	6		Virginia
Sarah J. Hurt	4		Virginia
Joseph H. Hurt	1		Virginia

This record indicates a date of birth in about 1824. Since Henry Hurt probably resided in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of Patrick Henry Hurt was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

On January 19, 1856, Patrick H. Hurt executed a declaration in Roanoke County, Virginia, and filed in Bounty Land Warrant File 53079 in support of the application of Nancy Richardson for a pension in right of the service of her husband William Richardson in the War of 1812.

From the evidence set forth above the children of Patrick Henry Hurt and Nancy Ann (Duckwiler) Hurt were the following:

1) Mary A. Hurt, born about 1844 at Virginia,

2) Sarah J. Hurt, born about 1846 at Virginia, and

3) Joseph H. Hurt, born about 1849 at Virginia.

i. Mary A. Hurt

Mary A. Hurt was a daughter of Patrick Henry Hurt and Nancy Ann (Duckwiler) Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Patrick[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Mary A. Hurt in the Patrick Henry Hurt household and her age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

ii. Sarah J. Hurt

Sarah J. Hurt was a daughter of Patrick Henry Hurt and Nancy Ann (Duckwiler) Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Patrick[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Sarah J. Hurt in the Patrick Henry Hurt household and her age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

iii. Joseph H. Hurt

Joseph H. Hurt was a son of Patrick Henry Hurt and Nancy Ann (Duckwiler) Hurt. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Rhoda[3], Patrick[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Joseph H. Hurt in the Patrick Henry Hurt household and his age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

8. 1840 John Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Sally (Hardy) Wright, And His Descendants

1840 John Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

As will be set forth more fully below, 1840 John Wright of Bedford County is identified as the son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County by showing that the land devised by 1803 John Wright to his son John was owned by 1840 John Wright at his death. In addition, John Wright, the son of 1803 John Wright, owed a support obligation to his mother Elizabeth (Pate) Wright and 1840 John Wright referred to that obligation in his will.

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed John Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . 8th I do give to my Son John a negroe boy named Sam, and negroe woman named Milly, to be his property at the death of my wife, also horse saddle & bridle Also two hundred Acres Land being the whole of this Tract whereon I now Live, ..."

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household on July 28:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
July 28	John Wright	1			1

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The similarity of the amount of property to the listing in 1805 set forth below identifies this John Wright as 1840 John Wright.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed four John Wrights in the John W. Holt District, one of whom was John Wright (BD) with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
March 25	John Wright (BD)	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
1	

The identification of John Wright as "BD" is a reference to Beaver Dam Creek and, as will be set forth more fully below, identifies this John Wright as 1840 John Wright, the son of 1803 John Wright, whose land was on Beaver Dam Creek. This record indicates that John Wright was born before March 25, 1789.

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights, one of whom was John Wright with the following household on April 19:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years Old	Blacks above 16 years Old
April 19	John Wright	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
1	

The similarity of the household property in this listing to that in 1805 identifies this John Wright as 1840 John Wright of Bedford County.

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Property	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 under 16	Blacks above 16	Horses Mares Coults & Mules	Other Taxable Property in Manu-script
John Wright (BD)	1			2	

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household:

Persons Names 1 March 1809	No Whites Over 16 years old	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 under 16	Horses	Other Tax-able property mentioned in manuscript
John Wright	1			2	

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright, Jr., with the following household:

Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above Sixteen years	Blacks Above Sixteen Years Old	Blacks Above twelve	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary License
John Wright, Jr.	1	3	2	7	

Billiard Tables	Stud Horses	Rate of Cover-ing per Season	Coaches Chariots & post & Mules	Other riding four W. chaises	Riding Carriages with two wheels

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List did not list an Elizabeth Wright and this listing reflects the transfer of her property to the list of her son 1840 John Wright.

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed three John Wrights who had the following households:

First John Wright:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
John Wright (W?)	1	16-26	1	45+		9

Second John Wright:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
John Wright (P)	1	45+	1	45+		1
	1	16-26	4	16-26		
	2	10-16	1	0-10		

Third John Wright:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
John Wright (?)	1	26-45	1	26-45		

1840 John Wright's father had died in 1803, his mother Elizabeth (Pate) Wright survived until approximately 1843, and 1840 John Wright did not marry until 1820. The implication is clear that the household with a young man 16-26 and, older woman over

45, and nine slaves was that of 1840 John Wright and his mother. This would place 1840 John Wright's date of birth between 1784 and 1794.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property 1 March 1811	No of Whites Over 16 years	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks over 12 under 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	John Wright	1	4	1	5

Other Taxable property in Manuscript

As will be set forth below, this listing has the same amount and types of property as the listing in 1813 for John Wright B. D. The reference to B. D. is to Beaverdam Creek and identifies that John Wright as 1840 John Wright, the son of 1803 John Wright. The similarity in the property owned, therefore, identifies the John Wright of this 1811 listing as 1840 John Wright.

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Taxable Property last day of February 1812	Whites over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16	Horses Mares Colts &c	Other Taxable Property
John Wright	1	4	1	5	

On September 7, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/818 Joseph Wright sold his interest in the slave Peter to his brother John Wright:

> "Know all men by these presents that whereas John Wright Deceased late of Bedford County and State of Virginia did by his last Will and Testament devise to his son Anthony Wright a Malattoe man slave named Petar in the following manner to wit, that Elizabeth Wright, widow of the said John Wright Decd. is to

keep in her possession, and for her benefit, the aforesaid Slave during her life time and after her death to devolve to the said Anthony Wright as one of the devises of the aforesaid John Wright Decd. and the said Anthony Wright Conveying his rite to mee and whereas I Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars Current Money of the united States to mee in hand paid, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained & sold & do by these presents grant sell & confirm to my brother John Wright the aforesaid Mulattoe Slave to receive the same after the Death of the aforesaid Widow Elizabeth Wright in the same manner that the aforesaid Anthony Wright should have done according to the tenor of the said John Wrights last will & Testament as aforesaid, and I Joseph Wright do hereby Covenant and for myself and my Heirs forever that I do hereby relinquish to the sd. John Wright all my right, title, Interest & claim to the aforesaid Slave to him the said John Wright his Heirs & Assigns forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the 7th day of September 1812.

Test — Joseph Wright
William McGeorge
his
Robert X Nemo Junr.
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of March 1813. This Bill of Sale from Joseph Wright to John Wright was proved by the oath of William McGeorge & Robert Nimmo two subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household:

Date When Lists	Persons Names owning property 1813	White males over 16	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks 12 & Under 16	Horses colts mares & Mules
	John Wright (BD)	1	4	1	5

Giggs & Riding Carriages of all kinds
2 & 4 wheels Stud horses jacks Mills &
Licence Ordinary Licence &c

On January 12, 1814, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 4/19 John Wright obtained a survey for 11 acres of land:

"January 12th 1814

Surveyed for John Wright 11 Acres of Land by Virtue of a Land Office Warrant. Granted to James Bramblett the 6th day of February 1796 for 1300 Acres & No 1775 Assd &c Situate in Bedford County & lying on the Waters of Beverdam Creek and Bounded as follows Viz. Begining at Hollidays Corner Red Oak thence along his lines S 58-1/6 W 51 poles to a pine S 89 W 33 poles to Lankesters Corner White Oak on a branch thence along his lines S 3-1/2 E 30 poles to a Red Oak, N 81 E 35 poles to Pates Corner White Oak, thence along his lines N 73 E 18 poles to a Red Oak, N 28 E 53 poles to the first Station

M Pate S.B.C."

A copy of that survey is given on the following page:

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January 12th 1814

Surveyed for John Wright 11 Acres of Land by Virtue of a Land Office Warrant. Granted to James Brambletts the 6th day of February 1796. for 1300 Acres & No 1775. &c. &c. Situate in Bedford County & lying on the Waters of Beverdam Creek and Bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at Hollidays Corner Red Oak thence along his lines S58 W 51 Poles to a Pine. S89 W 33 Poles to Lankesters Corner White Oak on a branch, thence a long his lines S3 E 30 Poles to a Red Oak. N 81 E 35 Poles to Pates Corner White Oak, thence along his lines N73 E 18 Poles to a Red Oak, N 28 E 53 Poles to the first Station

M Pate S. B. C

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com. Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
John Wright BD	1		4	1

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property
	6	

On April 10, 1815, at Patent Deed 65/42 John Wright patented 11 acres of land on Beaverdam Creek:

"John Wright)
11 acres)
Bedford County)

Wilson Cary Nicholas, Esqr. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia: To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: know ye, that in conformity with a survey, made the 12th day, of January, 1814; by virtue of a Land Office Treasury warrant, No. 1775, issued the 6th. of February, 1796; there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto John Wright, a certain tract or parcel of land, containing Eleven acres, situate in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam creek, and bounded as followeth, to wit: Beginning at Hollidays corner red oak, thence along his lines wouth fifty eight and one quarter degrees west, fifty one poles to a pine; south eighty nine degrees west, thirty three poles to Lancasters corner white oak on a branch, thence along his lines south three and an half degrees easty, thirty poles to a red oak; north eighty one degrees east, thirty five poles to Pates corner white oak; and thence with his lines north seventy three degrees east, eighteen poles to a red oak; and north twenty eight degrees east fifty three poles to the beginning with its appurtinances. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land, with its appurtinances to the said John Wright, and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof, the said Wilson Cary Nicholas, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand, and

caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the thirty ninth.

W. C. Nicholas"

This was the same land as that surveyed in Bedford County Survey Book 4/19.

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 15:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules mares & Colts
Apl 15	John Wright BD	1	2	4	7

Stud horses No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	Carriages 2 wheeled riding carriages	Carriages Phaetons & stage waggons	Carriages Publick stages	Carriages all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
		14				

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches Gold silver or pinchmark	Watches Single Cased Gold	Watches Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ country sufficient for The accommodation of one horse ____	houses in the exceeding in value $500	Ice houses from private use	Ice houses for which ice is sold	Clocks works of wood without case	Clocks works of wood in the case	Clocks princi-pally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]			Printers	Furniture
of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	& the subscrip-tions annually to their papers	Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers ward-robe clothes press Dining Table or Separate__ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house
				1 Chest of Drawers

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candlesticks__ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ____ of Tax $ cts
		6.21

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (B.D with the following household on April 20:

Date Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No. of Slaves above 12 years	No of Horses	Stud Horses No.	Stud Horses $ Cents
Apl 20	John Wright (B.D.	1	5	7		

2 Wheel Riding Cariages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceed-ing in Value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	Exceed-ing value $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Exceed-ing in Value $300	Total Amount of Tax
						4.76

In June 1816 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/176 John Wright, Sr, established that he had paid the tax on 200 acres of land and 250 acres of land in the name of his father John Wright:

> "On the motion of John Wright Sr. who exhibited satisfactary evidence of his having paid the tax on 200 acres of land also 250 acres for the year 1785 charged to his father John Wright decd Judgment is given in his favour exhonerating the said land from all arrears of tax and damages due thereon the attorney for the ComWealth being present"

In August 1816 at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/56 a list of surveys was filed including one for John Wright for 11 acres of land on January 12, 1814:

> "A List of Surveys from the 15th day of March 1811 to the 1st day of April 1816 inclusive.
>
> | For whom surveyed | acres | Date |
> |---|---|---|
> | . . . . | | |
> | John Wright | 11 | January 12th 1814 |
> | . . . . | | |
>
> Matthew Pate S.B.C.
>
> Bedford Clerks Office August 1816.
>
> This List of survey was returned and thereupon admitted to record.
>
> Teste,
> J. Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD with the following household on April 1:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of horses	Stud Horses No.	$ Cts
Apl 1	John Wright (BD	1	5	7		

2 wheeled Riding Cariages & harness belong thereto		Phaetons & Stage waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto	
Not exceeding in Value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding Value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300

Total Amount of Tax $ Cts	Proff
4.70	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
John Wright BD	prm	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		220	On Beaver dam adj Tommy Wright

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land @ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
17W	1.69	376.40	2.77		

This record reflects the transfer for land tax purposes of 220 acres from the estate of 1803 John Wright to the name of 1840 John Wright.

On April 27, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/463 John Wright was appointed surveyor of a road on Beaverdam Creek:

"Ord. that John Wright be appd Surveyor of the road from Beaver Dam to Whiteleys Store in room of John Thomas with the usual hands"

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on May 1:

Date of Receiving lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No. of Horses	No. of Stud Horses
May 1	John Wright BD	1	6	6	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & Harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & Harness Belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceed-ing in value $100	Not exceeding in value $200	exceeding value $200	Not exceeding in value $300	exceed-ing in value $300	Total amount of Taxes
						5.28

The 1818 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (B.D) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
John Wright (B.D)	prem	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		220	On the same

Distance & bearings From the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ per Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots& Land
17W	1.69	376.40	2.77	

On July 30, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/439 John Wright purchased a lot of land in Hardysville from Robert and Mary Hardy:

"This Indenture made this 30th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen between Robert Hardy and Mary his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Matthew Wright and John Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part - Witnesseth that the said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Seventy three dollars Currency of the United States to them in hand paid by the Said Matthew & John Wright, the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Robt Hardy and Mary his Wife who hath granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell and Confirm unto the Said Matthew and John Wright one half acre Lott of Ground in the town of Hardysville on Staunton River in Bedford County known in the plan and map of Said Town by Lott No 38 To have and to hold the aforesaid Lott of Ground in the town aforesaid with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the Said Matthew and John Wright their heirs and assigns forever and the Said Robert Hardy and Mary his wife for themselves and their heirs doth Covenant and agree to forever Warrant & defend the aforesaid Lott of Ground With all the appurtenances thereunto the said Matthew Wright and John Wright their heirs and assigns forever against the Claims and demands of all persons Whatsoever Reserving however for the benefit of the inhabitans of Said Town forever hereafter the Priviledge of Getting Water for use out of any Spring on the aforesaid Lott In Witness Whereof the Said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife hath hereunto Set their hands and Seals the day and year first above Written.

Robt Hardy
Mary Hardy

Bedford County to Wit We William Shrewsbury and Laurence McGeorge Magistrates of the Said County do hereby Certify that Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife parties to the within Conveyance have duly acknowledged the Same before us on the 15th Aug 1818 and desired us to Certify the Said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in Order that the Said Conveyance may be recorded as Witness our hands and Seals

William Shrewsbury
Laurence McGeorge

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Laurence McGeorge Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Mary hardy the Wife of Robert Hardy parties to a Certain deed for the Conveyance of Real

Estate to Matthew Wright and John Wright bearing date on the 30th July 1818 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the Said Mary Hardy acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed and declared that She Had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the Same and that She wished not to retract it Given under our hands and Seals 15th Augt 1818.

Wm Shrewsbury
Lawrence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of August 1818 This indenture of bargain and Sale between Robert Hardy and Mary his wife of the one part, and Matthew and John Wright of the Other was Certified by two magistrates and ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 3:

Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of white Males above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 3	John Wright BD	1	1	5	

2 Wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto		phaetons & stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches & harness belonging thereto		
Not Exceedg in value $100	Exceeding in value $100	not Exceedg in value $200	Exceedg in value $200	not exceeding in value $300	Exceeding in value $300	Total Amt of Taxes
						5.80

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
John Wright (BD)	prem	fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		220	On the same

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
17W	1.69	376.40	2.77	

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright Bedf with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Matthew & Jno Wright	Bedf	fee	1	Hardy river

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
$1.50	.12		

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
				.12

This record reflects the purchase of the lot in Hardysville by Bedford County Deed 15/439.

In June 1819 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/638 John Wright was appointed ensign in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of Militia:

> "Ord. that the following recommendations be made to his Excellency the Governor & Council Viz William McGeorge Lieut: in 1st Batt & 10th Regt. in room of Wilkins Hunt who refuses to accept his com: John Wright Ensign in room of Wm McGeorge promoted - Harvey Claytor Ensign in the 2d batt & 10th Regt in room of Chas Blount who refuses to accept his Com: John Pollard Jr. Lieut in room of John Andrews resigned in 2d Batt & 10th Regt. Henry Edgar Ensign in room of sd: pollard promoted"

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on March 24:

Date of Receiving list	Persons names chargable with the Tax	No. of white male ties above 16 years old	No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts
March 24	John Wright (BD)	1	7	5	

2 wheeled riding carriages & harness belonging thereto		Phaetons & Stage Waggons & harness belonging thereto		Coaches and harness belonging thereto		
Not exceeding in value $100	Exceeding in Value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Exceeding in value $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Exceeding in Value $300	Total amt of Taxes
						5.80

Proof

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	On Bever Dam

Sum Distance and bearings from the Court house	added to the Land on Value of Land per Acre	account of the Building	Total Value	Amount of Tax ___ for every $100 Value__	Remarks
16NW	5.06	125	1113.20	1.40	

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Lotts	No. of Lotts in plan of Town__
Matthew Jno Wright	Bedford	1	

Value of Lotts	Sum added to the Lotts on account of Buildings	Names of Town	Tax on Lotts
		pr view	.06

In May 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/781 John Wright was appointed lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of Militia:

> "Ord. that the following recommendations be made to his Excellency the governor & Council Viz William McGeorge Captn the room of Samuel West resigned, in the 10th Regt. & 1st Batt. John Wright Lieut. in room of McGeorge promoted & Lewis Lancaster Ensighn in room of sd Wright promoted - William McCabe Ensign in 1st batt & 10th Regt. in room of Griffin Nichols who refuses to accept his com:"

In June 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/5 Thomas Holliday replaced John Wright as surveyor of a road on Beaverdam Creek:

> "Ord. that Thomas Holliday be appointed surveyor of the road from Beaver dam to Haynes' Store in room of John Wright with several hands"

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights with the following members of their households:

First John Wright:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
John Wright	1	26-45	1	45+

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	7		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	26-45	1	26-45				
4	14-26	1	14-26				
5	0-14	3	0-14				

All Other Persons

Second John Wright:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
John Wright	1	45+	1	45+
	1	16-26	2	26-45
	1	10-16	1	16-26
	1	0-10	1	10-16

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	5		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	14-26	1	45+				
		1	14-26				

All Other Persons

As will be set forth below, since 1840 John Wright only married in late 1820, it is probable that he was listed as unmarried in the census and, therefore, would fit the first John Wright listed. This would place 1840 John Wright's date of birth between 1775 and 1794.

The marriage bond of John Wright and Sally Hardy, daughter of Robert Hardy, Sr., was dated on November 13, 1820, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Robert Hardy, Jr., as surety:

> "I do hereby Certify that I am willing and have Consented that John Wright and my Daughter Sally Hardy may gett married Given under my hand this Eleventh day of November 1820
>
> Teste Robt Hardy Snr
> Robert Hardy Jr

> Know all men by these presents that we John Wright & Robert Hardy Jr are held & firmly Bound Unto Thos M Randolph Govenor or Cheif magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Just & full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars current money of Virginia to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Governor or his Successors we Bind ourselves and each of us our & each of our heirs Exors &c Jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed & Dated this 13th day of November 1820
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above Bound John Wright & Sally Hardy

Now if there shall be no lawfull Cause to obstruct said marriage then this obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue

Teste — John Wright
D Morris — Robert Hardy

Bedford County to Wit

This day Robert Hardy Junr. came before me a Justice of the peace for the said County and Made Oath that Robert Hardy Jr. acknowledged the within Certificat to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 13 day of Novr 1820.

Thomas Preston"

As set forth above in connection with 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright, litigation arose between Elizabeth (Pate) Wright and her son 1840 John Wright.

Elizabeth (Pate) Wright lived with her son John Wright at the family residence from the death of 1803 John Wright until March 3, 1821, when she moved away to live with her daughter Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and her son-in-law William McGeorge. On April 3, 1821, she filed suit against her son John Wright for an accounting for the use of the slaves left to her by her husband 1803 John Wright. The records of that case are in File 1373 of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia. The complaint provided as follows:

"To the Honourable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District Humbly Complaining Sheweth unto your Honour your Oratrix Elizabeth Wright widow and relict of John Wright deceased that the said John Wright departed this life in the month of August 1803 having on the 11th Day of that month made and published his will in due form of Law, wherein he disposed of a considerable Estate in manner and form as will more fully appear reference being thereunto had

That immediately after his death your oratrix together with John Wright and Tommy Wright herein after called Defendants, qualified as Executrix and Executors of the said last will. That the Debts have all been paid, and the Legacies, bequeathed subject to the pleasure of your oratrix delivered to the Legatees respectively entitled: That your oratrix and John Wright the younger, then a single man, resided together in the Dwelling house of her late Husband; And received possession of the property bequeathed to her, according to a

schedule now exhibited as a part of this Bill; That the said John Wright being as was supposed, entitled to the Land whereon they resided; Superintended the slaves bequeathed to your oratrix Took possession of all the stock of every kind bequeathed to her; sold the crops, and such stock as from time to time could be spared from the plantation and appropriated the monies to his own use; That no contract was made between your oratrix, and the said John, until the commencement of the year 1819: when your oratrix agreed to take $100 per annum and a comfortable maintence, for the use of her property: But the said John now refuses to account with your oratrix for the profits & hire of her Stock & slaves from the year 1803 until the year 1819 and refuses to pay the two annual payments of $100 for the years 1819 and 1820 as he agreed to do: having withheld from her although his mother and 7____ years of age the comforts & conveniences of life which by his contract he was bound to furnish - and now refuses to give her possession of her property: and In short has treated her so unkindly. That she has compelled, to abandon her home, where she bore and raised him, and is now dependant upon the charity of her other children for a home and subsistence: In Tender consideration whereof in as much as your oratrix is remediless at Law. May It please the court to cause the said John Wright & Tommy Wright in their own right and as Executors of the said John Wright deceased to be made Defendents to this Bill. And full true and perfect answer to make to the allegations therein contained as if the same were again set forth and recapitulated by way of interrogatories: That the said John may be compelled to deliver up to your oratrix possession of the slaves Stock and all other things in his possession to which she is Entitled under the will of her late husband: upon such reasonable Terms & conditions as the court may prescribe: and be compelled to account for the hire & profits of the same during the time he has had the possession and use thereof; and in the mean time that some provision suitable to the age and condition of your Oratrix may be made for her support: and such other and further relief as her case may require and is consistent with the principles of Equity & rules of the court. To this End to grant her the commonwealths rit of subpona.

And as in duty &c
Gilmen J. P."

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 21:

Date of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons names chargable with tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules	Stud Horses No $ Cts
April 21	John Wright BD	8	5	

Two wheeled riding Carriages & harness		Phaetons and stage Waggons & Harness		Riding Carriages and harness		
Not exceeding in value $100	Above the value $100	Not exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not exceeding in Value $300	Above the value of $300	Amount of tax
						4.94

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or for Life	N. Acres
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	fee	220

Description of Land	Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of land P acre including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on Acct Building
On beaver dam	16SW	6.50	525

Total Value of Land and Buildings	Amount of Tax at the Rate of ___ $100 Value	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
1330.00	1.20	

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & John Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple or for Life	Number of town lotts	Names of Towns
Matthew & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1	Hardy's Ville

Value of Buildings	Value of lots including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of town lots	Explanation of alterations during preceeding year
			.06	

On August 27, 1821, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 17/46 John Wright, Lewis Lancaster, and Silas Taylor executed a surety bond for the appointment of Lewis Lancaster as Constable:

"Know all men by these Presents that We Lewis Lancaster and John Wright and Silas Taylor are held and firmly bound unto Thomas M Randolph Governor or Cheif magistrate of the Common Wealth of Virginia in the Sum of one thousand dollars to Which Payment Well and truly to be made to the Said Thomas M Randolph Governor or his Successors We bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Exors &c Jointly & Severally firmly by these presents Sealed and dated this 27th day of August 1821. The condition of the above obligation is Such that Whereas the above bound, Lewis Lancaster is appointed constable for the Said County of Bedford to act in the upper Battalion Now if the Said Lewis Lancaster Shall Well and truly discharge the duties of his office of Constable in Said County during the time of his continuance therein then this obligation to be Void else remain in full force & Virtue

in Presence of)
the Court)

Lewis Lancaster
John Wright
Silas Taylor

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on the 27th day of August 1821 This bond Was acknowledged by all the parties & ordered to be Recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

Lewis Lancaster was a neighbor of 1840 John Wright and, therefore, the John Wright of this surety bond was probably 1840 John Wright.

The Answer of John Wright to the Bill of Complaint in File 1373 was filed on October 11, 1821, and provided as follows:

> "To the honble Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg
>
> The Answer of John Wright to the Bill of Complaint exhibited against this respondent & others by Elizabeth Wright
>
> This respondent saving the benefit of all exceptions for answer to the said Bill saith that true it is that his father John Wright departed this life in the year 1803 having first duly made & published his last will & testament a copy whereof is exhibited with the plaintiffs Bill.
>
> At the death of this respondent father this respondent was about 18 years of age. The plantation on which his father died being devised to this respondent this respondent continued to reside with his mother on the place in the character of manager of the business and got only but a portion of the crop as is normally given for like services. In this situation this respondent continued for several years. then by the consent of the complainant this respondent took the whole concern into his own hand and has in consideration of using the property in which the complainant had a life estate to support her & her youngest daughter in a comfortable manner & to furnish them with such articles as their necessities required This stipulation this respondent performed only in the spirit of justice but ____(?) Independent of his engagement he reserved one horse & kept two for his sister during her continuance which terminated in 1811. The complaintant sold during her residence with this respondent some horses belonging to the estate & appropriated the money to her own use and acted on the gratification of her wishes without any restraint from this respondent. Thus things continued with the same understanding between the parties untill about the year 1819 during all which time the complaintant never to this respondents knowledge alleged that he was indebted to her for the enjoyment of her property. He some times said that this respondent ought to give her more than her mere support but these dictations were the effects of occasional ill humour & not of any settled design. In 1819 she manifested her dissatisfaction more steadily & this respondent then agreed to pay her for that year one hundred dollars over & above the maintenance before the year has expired this respondent informed her he could not give it any longer. She remained with this respondent untill March 1821 and then left his house & removed to the house of William McGeorge who is married to her youngest daughter.

After this respondent took the management of the plantation into his own hands he clothed all of the slaves & paid all the taxes _____(?) they been charged to the complaintant and untill 1809. This respondent raised the children of Milly & of Jude born after the Testators death and of his own means. Sam bequeathed to this respondent was but 5 years old at the death of the Testator.

In December 1820 the complaintant having manifested such displeasure toward this respondent to which she was as this respondent believes by some of her other children who hoped to profit by rupture between her & this respondent she gave notice that this respondent should not for the ensuing crop put the five following slaves under his overseer Viz Peter Jesse, Nick, Moley Sam: She then explicitly stated that he had given up, or that did give up Sam & Milley & her other children to this respondent for him to do with them as he thought proper.

This respondent has no objection to deliver Peter. he belongs to this respondent after the complaintants death. He having purchased the interest in him. He conceves it herein proper to demand proper surety to have him whenever when the life estate shall have terminated. This respondent is also entitled to Jude & her children having also acquired the remaining interest in her by purchase.

This respondent will beg leave to state more explicitly the reason why he has refused to deliver the slaves. Sam Milley & her children & Jude & her children Sam he considers under a fair construction of the Testators will to have been his property absolutely at his death. The Testator had no other slaves than Rose expressly mentioned in the will and in the latter clause of his will he clearly shews that the life estate of his wife was only to extend to those slaves who where then grown which Sam was not being only of the age before mentioned. Milley & her children this respondent claims by express relinquishment of his mother & by having raised the children out of his own means. Jude & her children this respondent claims on the same ground.

This respondent denies that he refused to deliver to the complainant any part of the stock. He was willing & did offer to deliver her two thirds of it. The other third at her death is the property of This respondent. This respondent apprehended that if he did deliver it, that the complainant would give it to her now favorite children being lately made a present of a cow & calf to one of her daughters & having a few years ago divided 405 dollars among eight of her children (then living ten in all). This respondent therefore refused to deliver more than two-thirds. The stock comprehended six cows four calves eight young cattle fifteen sheep five grown hogs sixteen shoats & sixteen pigs. The other small articles this respondent is billing the complainant shall have whenever she chooses to send for them.

The pecuniary legacies mentioned in the bill have been paid by the complainant in a horse & cattle left by the Testator. Your respondent made no objection

This respondent does not admit that the complainant is destitute of the means of support. She had when she left this respondent about three hundred & fifty dollars due to her from responsible persons mostly for mony loaned She had also some mony and household & kitchen furniture

This respondent regrets as much as any person can do that his mother at the very advanced age of 74 years should have deserted a home which he had during many years made as comfortable & cheerful as was in his power, and which he should have endeavored to render more so as her years & his means increased. He endeavored to avoid the ____(?) and much more any ill will or hostility toward him. He was however unable to avert either. The discontent attendant on old age was kept alive by those whose sole object was to profit by its existance.

This respondent was anxious to avoid any litigation. He proposed various ways by which the outstanding difference might be adjusted by respectable neighbours so as to avoid bringing it before a court of Justice but all the expedients proposed was entirely unavailing.

This respondent utterly denies that he treated the complainant unkindly. He endeavored on all occassions to make her comfortable and satisfy her reasonable desires. In this he believes he should have succeeded had others not found it their interest to interfere

This respondent has always been willing to account with the complainant for the sum of one hundred dollars which he contracted to pay her in 1819 as also to pay any amount to which she may be entitled to for the preceeding year. This respondent however deeming himself unjustly brought before this honbl court objects to its Jurisdiction as to that matter alone, observing that as the other subjects he has done the complainant ample justice.

This respondent since his mother left him has frequently informed her that if she was in want of thing which it was in his power to furnish if she would send for it she should have it. When she went away this respondent furnished about 150# of Bacon. he has always been willing to provide her the means of subsistence if she would make her wants known.

This respondent prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and &c"

The numerous depositions in File 1373 have been set forth above in the Section on 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and are not repeated here.

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargable with Tax	Slaves above the age of 12 years	Horses, mares, Colts & mules	Stud Horses No	Stud Horses $ Cts
April 6	John Wright BD	7	4		

two wheeled Riding Carriages & Harness		pheatons and stage waggons & Harness		Riding carriages and Harness		
Not Exceeding in Value $100	Above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	Above the value of $200	Not Exceeding in Value $300	Above the Value of $300	Amount of tax
						4.27

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
John Wright	Bedford	220	On beaver dam

Derscription & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land	Sum added to the Land on acct of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land @ 9 cts p every $100 Value	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.20	

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of lots	No. of Lots in plan of Town	Value of of lott
Matthew & Jno Wright	Bedford	1		

Sum added to the lots on acct of the buildings thereon	Name yearly Rent of town lots
	H Ville .06

On May 23, 1822, in File 1373 the Court ordered the payment of $100 of support from John Wright to Elizabeth Wright pending the hearing of the case and directed the commissioner to report on what an appropriate allowance should be for Elizabeth Wright:

"Virginia to wit

At a superior court of Chancery holden at the Town of Lynchburg the 23d day of May 1822

Elizabeth Wright widow and relict of John Wright deceased . . . Plt

against

John Wright and Tommy Wright executors of John Wright deceased and in their own right . . . . . Defts

On the motion of the plaintiff by counsel for an allowance to be made for her support pen dente liete after hearing counsel in opposition thereto the court being of opinion that if in any case such allowance should be made this is that case doth adjudge order and decree that for the present the defendant John Wright do pay unto the plaintiff the sum of one hundred dollars and that the commissioner of this Court do inquire and report to this Court at the next term what would be a reasonable allowance to the plaintiff pen dente lite having reqard to her age and condition in life and the property received from her by the said defendant.

A Copy Teste
John Wills C.C."

The next document in File 1373 was a receipt dated June 3, 1822, for payment of the allowance of John Wright to Elizabeth Wright:

> "Received of John Wright One Hundred Dollars it being the same decreed by the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg on the 23d day of May 1822, that the said John Wright Should pay for the present to Mrs Elizabeth Wright, plaintiff against John Wright & Tommy Wright Defts this 3d day of June 1822
>
> Test William McGeorge
> Chs. Whitely Agent for
> Elizabeth Wright"

On February 15, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 17/404 John Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Rowland Wheeler to secure a debt due to Lewis Lancaster. Lewis Lancaster and Rowland Wheeler were neighbors of 1840 John Wright and, therefore, the John Wright of this deed of trust was probably 1840 John Wright.

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 26:

Date of Receiving List	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses mares colts & Mules	Stud Horses &c	prices p Season $
April 26	John Wright BD	7	5		

Riding Carriages	prices &c $	Amot of Tax $ Cts
		3.89

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	On beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Value	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No. of Town Lots	Name of Town
Matthew & Jno Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots including the buildings	Yearly Rent	
		.06

In May 1823 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 18/354 John Wright's hands were reallocated for road repair to the road from Chamblissburg to Beaverdam Creek:

> "Ord that John Wright & his hands be taken from Pates Mill road & be attached to Pates rd from Chambliss Store to Beaver Dam & that Matthew Wright & his hands be taken from Pates Mill road & be attached to Pates road from Beaverdam to Weaver Creek"

On May 17, 1823, in File 1373 James Beragh filed his report on the request for support pending the resolution of the lawsuit. That report provided as follows:

> "Your commissioner in pursuance of the foregoing order on the 10th day of April 1823 issued his notice to the parties that he had appointed Friday the sixteenth day of May following to carry the said order of court into effect (a copy of which notice is herewith filed marked A) on which day the defendant John Wright attend at your commissioners office where he proceeded to examine the papers filed in this cause and begs leave to submit to the court following report

It appears from the answer of Tommy Wright that the plaintiff was seventy four or seventy five years of age in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one and by the evidence of Lucy Lancaster that she is old and infirm and incapable of supporting herself, her condition in life does not appear from the evidence, she may have lived in ease and affluence or she may have been restricted in the necessaries of life the only mode of Judging of her condition in life as the evidence now is, is the property left by her husband for her support which agreeable to the inventory and

appraisement	£ 953.13.5
Deduct amount of slaves	£ 450. 0.0
4 legacies of £10 each	40. 0.0
3 horses (supposed value)	60. 0.0
3 beds and furniture (supposed value)	£ 18. 0.0
	568: 0:0
	£ 385:13:5

Add to this the slaves with their increase if the court should be of opinion that the plaintiff has a life estate in them the slaves divided are as follows

To Tommy Wright a Slave named Tye after the death of the plaintiff

Sarah Wright a slave named Rachal to be delivered to the donee when the plaintiff should think proper

Anthony Wright a slave named Peter after the death of the plaintiff

Nancy Asbury a slave named Let to be delivered the donee whence the plaintiff should think proper

Betsy Wright a slave named Jude after the death of the plaintiff

Polly Wright a slave named Hannah to be delivered to the donee when the plaintiff should think proper

Rhoda Wright a slave named Jane in the donees possession

John Wright two slaves named Sam and Milly to be his at the plaintiffs death

Joseph Wright a negro named Isaac to be his property at the plts death

Ruth Wright a slave named Margarett

It appears from the foregoing abstract that the plaintiff by the will of her deceased husband is entitled to the services of the following slaves Viz, Tye,

Peter, Jude, Milly, Sam, and Isaac with the increase of the females of them during her life unless that is restricted by the devise in the will of John Wright deceased giving to the plaintiff the use for life of the grown negroes which appears by the evidence of Elizabeth Holladay to have been but three and that Tye one of them is since dead the remaining two the commissioner supposes to be Milly and Peter, as a register of the ages of the slaves recorded in Bedford Court in December 1809 states the age of Milly to be about 32 and Peter about 23 years

If the whole of the slaves with their increase belongs to the plaintiff during life then by hireing them she would receive the following sums as appears by the evidence of Pascal Butler and the evidence of Millener Haynes so far as the latter testamony speaks of the hire of the slaves

Milly (hire supposed)	20:00
Jude (hire supposed)	40.00
Peter	65:00
Sam	65.00
Jesse	60.00
Nicholus	65.00
Moley	22:50
Ben	22.50
	$340.00

If the slaves Peter and Milly are considered only to be devised to the plaintiff during her life then the negros Jude and Sam should be deducted from the foregoing sum the others appear by the evidence of Elizabeth Halloway to be the children of Milly

Amount above	$340.00
Deduct Jude, hire $40 and Sam $65	$105.00
	$235.00

Add to either of these sums the use of the property as given by the defendant John Wright in his answer and it would make a comfortable support for the plaintiff. The commissioner thinks that the defendants who are in the enjoyment of the property could not be injured by paying Two Hundred Dollars to the plaintiff during the pendency of this suit and he thinks that, that sum would be a reasonable allowance to the plaintiff on which she could in all probability support herself without difficulty

All of which is respectfully submitted to your honour

James Beragh C."

On the back of the report in File 1373 is the order of the court which provided as follows:

"On the mo. of the plff, by counsel, for an increase of her alld pendente lite, the court, on considn of the bill, answers, _____(?) as well as the _____(?) of &c made the with ansr: thereto by the def. John Wright, and after hearg.(?) counsel in opp. to the mo. doth order &c $150 annual from the dnts hereof"

On May 17, 1823, in File 1373 John Wright objected to the order as follows:

"The defendant John Wright excepts to the report of Master Commissioner Beragh. Because the sum reported as a proper allowance per annum to the plaintiff is far beyond the profits of any property belonging to her in the possession of the defendant, and the said defendant contends that he is not liable for any sum beyond those profits"

A summary of the case in File 1373 was filed on October 27, 1823, setting forth the history of the documents on file and the motions and actions of the parties.

In October 1823 the court in File 1373 rendered the following opinion:

"This cause came on &c.

On consideration whereof, the court being of opinion, that the plaintiff under the will of her husband John Wright deceased, is entitled to an estate for life, first in the money on hand at the testators death, secondly in his credits whether by bond note or open account, thirdly in his stock of every kind, fourthly in his household and kitchen furniture, and lastly in all his slaves whether young or old, not absolutely given away by his will, that among the slaves, to which the plaintiff is so entitled for life, are those in controversy to wit, Peter, Sam, Milly and her children Jude and her children, to none of whom hath this defendant John Wright shewn any such title by gift or relinquishment, as he hath alledged in his answer; - the court being also of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to an decree for the immediate possession of the aforesaid stock furniture and slaves except Peter who hath been given up to her pending the suit - upon her giving bond, with sufficient security to the defendants John & Tommy Wright, in a penalty equal to double the value of said property to be ascertained by a commissioner of this court, conditioned, for the forth coming and _____(?) to the said defendants or the survivor of them, his exeors and administrators, for the purposes of their testator's will - of so much of the said stock and furniture and so meney of the said slaves and their increase as may be in existence at the death of the plaintiff, and for making just compensation to said defendants, for any loss or injury which may happen to said furniture stock or slaves or their increase, by the misconduct or negligence of the plaintiff; and being moreover of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to an account of the money and credits of

the testator which may have been received by the defendants, and to an account of the annual hire and profits of the slaves and other personal estate aforesaid from the commencement of the year 1820 -with which the defendant John Wright is chargeable - which account of hire and profits may be carried back to the death of the testator, if the said John Wright shall choose it - excluding therefrom the year 1819 - which is covered by the contract alledged in the bill and admitted in the answer whereby the sd. John was to pay the plaintiff one hundred dollars, besides her maintenance for the use of her property aforesaid which said sum of one hundred dollars has been paid by the order of this court pending this suit; doth therefore adjudge order and decree that, upon the plaintiffs executing bond and security as aforesaid, and filing the same in this court or with the clerk thereof in _____(?) the defendant John Wright do deliver to her the furniture stock and slaves aforesaid with their increase to be held and enjoyed by her, under the will of her husband for and during her natural life; - and that one of the commissioners of this court do ascertain the penalty of the bond aforesaid and take an account of the money and credits aforesaid. and if the hires and profits of aforesaid pursuant to the foregoing principles, allowing to the said John Wright, all just and proper charges for the maintenance of the plaintiff, and for raising of the young negroes, during the period for which the account of aforesaid shall be taken - Commr to proceed & report in the usual form"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 12:

____	Names of persons Owning property	Blacks over 12	Horses mares &c	Riding Carriages & Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 12	John Wright BD	7	4		3.77

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	On beaver dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the build-ings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Matthew & Jno	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots including the Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
		.06

John Wright appealed from the court's decision in File 1373 and then on August 18, 1824, John Wright withdrew his appeal and stated that he did not intend to prosecute it further and Elizabeth Wright consented to the dismissal of the appeal on August 23, 1824.

On October 13, 1824, the following affidavit was filed in File 1373 by John Wright:

"The affidavitte of John Wright -

This affiant saith that shortly after the Decree of Elizabeth Wright against the afiant and Tommy Wright which Decree was made October term in 1823, this afiant Received a message from the pltf that she wished to compound the suit amicably out of Court and wisht to see me on that subject. I called on her shortly after receiving the message and there were several propositions made. Ultimately I offered her what she offered to take she then stated that she must have some time to consider on the subject and that I must come and see her again, twas not verry long before I calld on her again and she then changed the terms from the fomer proposition but I at length told her that I would accede to that proposition when she stated that she must have some time to counsel with her friends but observed there was no doubt but that we should make it up I calld

on her several times and the occurrences was about the same she allways at these times manifesting a disposition to settle the matter but still would put it of under some pretext or other, a short time however before six months had expired, which I thought I had to carry up the papers, after taking the apeal I called on her and told her that the time was nearly out and that I must know whether I had to carry up the copy of the Records or not she then insinuated there was no doubt but what we should settle the matter out of Court, but not long afterwards I Received a message by Anthony Wright whom she then lived with that she did not wish to see me on that subject any more but six months had now expired sence the apeal was granted thus things stood tell Bedford June court last when I called on Thomas Davis whom I had frequently understood was her agent and asked him if there was any chance to compound the matter he said he did nott know I then told him what I would give her and he Replyed that ought to satisfy her or any other person and observing at the same time that he was not authorized to make it up but not very long after that I understood that they had ordered a copy of the Records at this time I wisht to dismiss the apeal and went to the party and by consent of the parties wee dismisst the apeal and sent it on to the clerk's office

John Wright"

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 16:

____	Names of Persons Owning Property	Blacks over 12 years	Horses &c	Riding Carriages	$
April 16	John Wright (BD)	4	4		

Stud Horses	$	Amot of Tax $
		2.36

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)		220	On beaver dam Creek

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Matthew & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots including the Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
		.06

On October 22, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 19/279 Tommey and Synthia (Mayse) Wright sold to John Wright the 206 acres of land purchased by them by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 19/53:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 22d day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, between Tommy Wright and his wife Cynthia of the County of Bedford of the one part, and John Wright of the County aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these doth bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land Situate in the County aforesaid and lying on the branches of Beaver dam Creek containing one hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, it being part of a tract of two hundred and six acres conveyed by John & Rhoda Shrewsbury to said Tommy Wright by deed bearing date the 6th day of September 1824 and bounded as follows Viz: Beginning at a large rock near a branch, thence a new line N. 54-1/2 E. 53 poles to a stake & gum in said John Wrights own line, thence along his line N. 29 E. 26 poles to a stake on a branch, thence N. 41-1/2°. W 38 poles to a stake on the road, thence along the road N.

73-1/2º. W. 12 poles & N. 22 W. 38 poles, N. 44-1/2 W. 16 poles N. 68-1/2 W. 20-1/4 poles to a pine in Haynes Line, thence along his lines S. 10º. E. 37 poles to a white oak on a branch thence S. 85-1/2 W. 68 poles to a stake S. 57-1/4 W. at 150 poles passing Haynes's corner on a branch the same course continued along Matthew Wrights line in all 160 poles to pointers, thence along Anthony Wrights line S. 13 E. 62 poles to a stake in said line near a branch thence a new line W. 75-1/2 E. 210 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals the day and date first above written.

Tommy Wright
her
Cynthia X Wright
mark

Bedford County to Witt, We William Shrewsbury and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Cynthia Wright wife of Tommy Wright parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate to John Wright bearing date the 22d. day of October 1825 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Synthia Wright acknowledged to be her act and deed and declared that she willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22d. day of October 1825.

William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of October 1825. This Indenture of bargain and sale between Tommy Wright and Cynthia his wife of the one part and John Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said Tommy Wright certified as to his wife & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

On March 28, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 20/206 John Wright was ordered to settle the account for the estate of Peter Horn:

> "Ord. that Isaac James Elias James John Wright (BD) & Henry Hurt or any three do settle the a/c curr. of the Estate of Peter Horn Dec with his admrs & report to Court"

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright B.D. with the following household on April 24:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses Carriages &c	Amot of Tax $ Cts
April 24	John Wright B.D.	1	4	4		2.36

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	On beaver dam
	"	150	" " "

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
16SW	2.00		300.00	.24	

This record reflects the purchase of 150 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 19/279.

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Matthew & Jon Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots including Buildings	Yearly Rentes	Tax	Remarks
		.06	

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 6:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons names chargeable with Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses mares colts & mules	Stud Horses	$
April 6	John Wright BD	4	4		

Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages $	Amt of Tax $
		2.36

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	On beaver dam
Do	"	150	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Matthew & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
		.06	

On April 16, 1827, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/236 John Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Millenor Haynes to secure Matthew Pate and Matthew Wright. This John Wright was probably 1840 John Wright acting as trustee for his cousin Matthew Wright.

In January 1828 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 21/230 John Wright was appointed executor of the estate of his father-in-law Robert Hardy:

> "The last will & Testament of Robert Hardy deceased produced in Court proved by the solemn affirmation of James Adams & by the oaths of Benjamin Richardson & Tazewell Richardson & ordered to be recorded & on the motion of John Wright & Jonathan Hardy two of the executors in said will named Certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereof whereupon the qualified & gave bond & security according to law. Liberty is reserved the other executors in said will named to join in the probat thereof when they shall think fit"

On February 21, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/465 John Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Millener Haynes to secure Matthew

Wright. As in the case of Bedford County Deed 20/236, this was probably 1840 John Wright acting as trustee for his cousin Matthew Wright.

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on April 9:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Charged With Tax	Slaves Above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 9	John Wright BD	5	8

Stud Horses No $ Tax	____ & Harness No $ Tax	pheatons & Stage Waggons No. $ Tax	Amt. of Tax $ Cts
			3.31

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	on bever dam
Do	"	150	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16W	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Matthew & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

In June 1828 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/81 John Wright was appointed captain in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of Militia:

> "Ordered that John Wright be recommended to the executive of this Common Wealth as a proper person to be commissed as Captain in the 1st Battn & 10th Redgt in the room of William McGeorge Resigned Elias James Leutenant in the room of said Wright promoted and Joseph Ridgeway Ensign in the room of said James Promoted"

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 16:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Mules Colts & Mares	Stud No $ Cts
April 16	Jno Wright (BD)	5	7		

Two wheeled riding Carriages & Harness not exceeding in value $100	Above the value of $100	Faytons Stage Waggons & Harness belonging thereto Carry Alls & Jersey Waggons	Amt of Tax
			2.70

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright BD	Bedford	220	On beaver dam
Do	"	150	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation	
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		
Matthew & Jno Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

In May 1829 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/259 John Wright qualified as a captain in the 12th Brigade, 1st Division, of Militia:

> "A Certificate of John Wrights having Qualified to a Commission as Captain in 12th Brigade & 1st Division of Virginia Malitia returned and Ordered to be filed"

In April 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/92 Elias James replaced John Wright who had resigned as a captain in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of Militia:

> "Ordered that the following recommendations of Officers be made to his Excellency the Governor & Council to wit; Elias James Captain in the 10th Regmt. 1st Battalion in room of John Wright resigned - Joseph P. Wright Lieut. in room of said James promoted & John W. Hurt Ensign in room of Joseph Ridgeway - Henry Edgar as Captain in the same Regmt. & 2d. Battln in room of John Pollard resigned - Robert M. Walker Liut. in room of said Edgar promoted & Price Wright Ensign in room of said Walker promoted. Elijah Wright Ensign in Capt. Samuel P. Mitchells company in room of John White resigned - Robert M. Ruse Lieutenant in room of John H. Otey resigned in Capt. Wm Leftwichs

Company - & William Preston Ensign in room of said Ruse promoted in 1st Battalion & 10th Regiment."

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 17:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st January 1830	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 Years	Horses Mules &c	Stud Horses
April 17	John Wright (BD)	1	4	6	

Price of Tax	Riding Carriages	Price of	Amount of Tax
			1.88

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	220	on Beaver Dam
Do		150	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value	
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Matthew & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
Matthew & Jno Wright		fee	1	

Value of lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two John Wrights with the following members of their households:

First John Wright:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
John Wright	1	40-50	1	30-40
	2	5-10	1	15-20
			1	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
2	36-55	1	24-36				
1	24-36	1	10-24				
2	0-10	3	0-10				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreign-ers & Natural-ized
16					

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

Second John Wright:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
John Wright	1	50-60	1	40-50
			1	15-20
			1	10-15
			3	5-10
			1	0-5

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

White Persons included in the foregoing

Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
8					

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

The first John Wright household fits that known to have existed for 1840 John. As will be set forth below, he then had a wife, two sons, and a daughter, the children all born

after 1820. Bounty Land Warrant 36647-80-50 set forth below establishes that 1840 John's wife Sally (Hardy) Wright was alive in late 1830, when her last child was born. That last son was probably not born at the time the census was taken and, therefore, was not listed. The additional female aged 15-20 may be a Sally Sense referred to in 1840 John's will as part of the family. The extra male aged 30-40 is as yet unidentified. This record would place 1840 John Wright's date of birth between 1790 and 1800.

Assuming the correctness of the conclusions regarding which of the John Wright entries was for 1840 John, his birth date can be calculated to have been between 1784 and 1790. And since his father was living in Bedford County at that time, the birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 16:

List	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1831	Blacks of 12 years	Horses Coalts&c	Riding Carrages	Stud Horses	Amt of Tax
April 16	John Wright (BD)	4	7			1.42

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
John Wright BD	Bedford	220	On Beaver dam Cr
John Wright BD	Bedford	150	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the build-ing thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
16SW	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & J Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners		Residence	___	Estate	Liberty
M & J Wright		Bed	fee	1	
Value of Lots Including the Buildings thereon ___	Yearly Rent	Tax on Lots	____		
		.06			

On August 8, 1831, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 19/629 John Wright purchased 11 acres of land from Thompson Crutchfield and Bernard Pilzer, as trustees under a deed of trust:

> "This Indenture made this 8th day of August in the year 1831 between Thompson Crutchfield and Bernard Pitzer of the one part and John Wright of the other part all of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia Whereas by Deed of Trust dated the 30th of March 1831 & admitted to record in the Clerks office of Botetourt County Jacob Cook Joseph Cook Elizabeth Cook Zachariah Cook & Barbara Cook Conveyed to said Crutchfield and Pitzer Eleven Acres of land more or less lying near the Town of Fincastle formerly owned by Christopher Frenger & upon which the said Jacob Cook now holds a deed of trust duly recorded in the clerks office of Botetourt County for the purpose of Secureing a debt of Eight Hundred and twenty two dollars 39-1/2 cents due by said Cook to Jonathan Hardy & John Wright Executors of Robert Hardy Decd and whereas the said Cook failed to pay the debt aforesaid at the time appointed according to law the premises of the Trust deed aforesaid Executed by them and the said Crutchfield and and Pitzer did advertise for Sale the Eleven Acres of land aforesaid at the Court House Door of Botetourt County on the 11th day of July 1831 the same being a court day the sale to take place on the 1st day of August 1831 at Fincastle and whereas at the sale aforesaid of the eleven acres of land aforesaid the same was knocked off to the said John Wright he being the Highest bidder for the sum of $85.00 cts Now This Indenture Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the premises as well as the further consideration of the Sum of one Dollar to them in hand paid by the said John Wright they the said Crutchfield & Pitzer have granted bargaind and sold unto the said John Wright the Eleven Acres of land aforesaid To have and To hold the said Eleven acres of land to him the said John Wright his Heirs &c for ever and the said Crutchfield and Pitzer bind themselves the title to said Eleven Acres of land to the said John

Wright for ever to warrant & Defend against the claim of themselves their Heirs &c and all and every person claiming by through or under them. In Witness whereof they the said Crutchfield & Pitzer have hereunto set their hand & seals the day and year first in this Indenture Written.

Thompson Crutchfield
Bernard Pitzer

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 10th August 1831 This Deed was this day exhibited in said office and acknowledged by Bernard Pitzer and Thompson Crutchfield parties thereto and admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer Clk"

On December 29, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/9 John Wright "of Beaverdam", as commissioner in the case of Hart v. Hart sold 176 acres of land to Nathaniel Nusom. The reference to "of Beaverdam" identifies this John Wright as 1840 John Wright.

On December 29, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/26 John Wright "of Beaverdam", as commissioner in the case of Hurt v. Hurt, also sold 79-1/2 acres of land to Jeremiah Adams.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno Wright (BD) with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Jno Wright (BD)	1	6	7	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	1.92

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Jno Wright (BD)	Bed	220	On B. D. Cr
do	"	150	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
M & John Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $ lot	____
		.06	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held in fee or for life	Number of Acres Acres poles	Situation of Land
John Wright	Botetourt	In fee	11.00	Near Fincastle

Distance and Bearing from the Court-house	Value of land and Improve-ments per acre $ Cts	Value of Improve-ments Dollars	Total value of land & Buildings Dollars cts	Amt of Tax $ Cts	
					From Thompson Crutchfield

This record reflects the purchase of 11 acres of land by Botetourt County Deed 19/269.

On March 26, 1832, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 23/45 John Wright, Matthew Pate, and John W. Holt executed their surety bond for the appointment of Matthew Pate as surveyor for the county:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Matthew Pate and John Wright & John W Holt are held and firmly bound unto John Floyd Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia & his successors in office in the sum of three thousand dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors in office we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 26th day of March 1832. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Matthew Pate hath been appointed surveyor of the County of Bedford for seven years from the date of his qualification by Commission from the Governor under the seal of the Commonwealth dated the 2nd day of February 1832. If therefore the said Matthew Pate shall in all respects duly and faithfully execute his said office of surveyor according to law then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue.
>
> Witness — Matthew Pate
> Ro C Mitchell — John Wright
> John W Holt
>
> At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of March 1832. This surveyors bond was acknowledged by all the obligors thereto and ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste
> Ro C Mitchell C.B.C."

Since 1840 John Wright was associated with Matthew Pate in various business transactions, the John Wright of this surety bond was probably 1840 John Wright.

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno Wright (BD) with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Colts, Mules &c	Horses,
	Jno Wright (BD)	1	7	_(?)	

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
			2.11

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno. Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land ____	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Jno. Wright (BD)	Bed	220	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	150	On the Same
do	"	122	On Staunton

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
16SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	
25 "	2.00	1200	1444.00	1.16	of Robt Hardy Est

This record reflects the inheritance of 122 acres of land from his wife's father Robert Hardy.

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & Jno. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
M & Jno. Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $	___
		.06	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno Wright (BD) with the following household:

____	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Jno Wright (BD)	1	9	6

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		2.61

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno. Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Jno. Wright (BD)	Bed	220	On Beaver dam Cr
do	"	150	On the Same
do	"	122	On Staunton

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	____
16 SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	
25 "	2.00	1200	1444.00	1.16	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & Jno. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
M & Jno. Wright	Bed	fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $	___
		.06	

On March 15, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/133 1840 John Wright purchased 30-1/4 acres of land from Thomas Holladay:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of March in the year of our lord 1834, Between Thomas Holliday and his wife Frances of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and John Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and five dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained sold, confirmed and delivered, and by these presents doth grant, bargain sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County aforesaid and on the South Side of the North fork of Beaverdam Creek containing Thirty and one fourth acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at his own and Mayses corner pine near the main road, thence along his own line N 36 E 61-1/2 poles to a cherry stump on the creek aforesaid, thence along Hollidays line S 4_ E 47-1/2 poles crossing the road to a Black oak, thence a new line S 8-1/2 E _ poles crossing a branch to pointers in Mayse's line thence along his line S 61 W 18-1/2 poles to a pine S 89-1/2 W 34 poles to white oak sprouts near small branch N 30-1/2 E 52-1/2 crossing a branch to first Station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the priviledges and appertinances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas Holladay and his wife Frances doth hereby covenant for themselves, their heirs, admrs & Exors to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said John Wright his heirs & assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof they have

hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and date first written. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of

Thomas Holladay
Frances Holladay

Bedford County to Wit

We William shrewsbury and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the State of Virginia and County aforesaid do hereby certify that Thomas Holliday partie to a certain deed for the conveyance Real Estate bearing date on the 15th day of March and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hand & Seals this 15th day of March 1834

Wm Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Matthew Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Frances Holladay wife of Thomas Holladay parties to a certain deed for the conveyance of real estate bearing date on the 15th day of March and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Frances Holladay acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she willingly Signed, Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and Seals this 15th day of March 1834

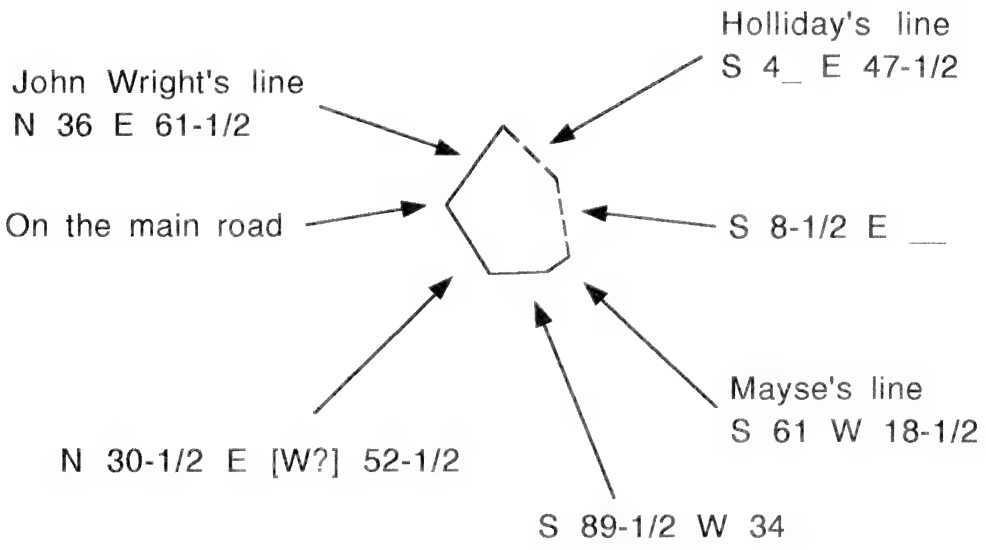
Wm Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of March 1834 This Indenture of bargain and Sale from Thomas Holladay and Frances his wife to John Wright for the conveyance of real estate, was produced in Court, and together with the certificates thereon endorsed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia
Deed 24/133



On September 30, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/280 1840 John Wright purchased 90 acres of land from Thomas Holladay:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four between Thomas Holaday and Frances Holladay his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part and John Wright of the County afforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and ten dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said John Wright his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land Situate in the County aforesaid and lying on the branches of the North East fork of Beaverdam containing Ninety acres more or less and bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at a red oak corner to William Holladay, thence along his line being Walton's old line N 50 E 99 poles crossing a small branch to a hickory formerly called pointers by Walton, thence along Prestons line, formerly said Waltons line, S 62 E 190 poles to pointers in said old line, thence off and along Finleys old line now Medley's S 32-1/4 W 22 poles to a Spanish oak on road, thence S 43 W 42 poles to a branch where the road crosses, thence along Mays line down the branch as it meanders N 68-1/2 W 40 poles N 51 W 36 poles N 72 W 22 poles N 33 W 10 poles N 64- 1/2 W 16 poles N 80 W 34 poles to Browns old line, thence off and along the same being the patent line (now Mays) S 81-1/2 W 14 poles to a red oak S 27 W 23-1/2 poles to pointers formerly a hickory, thence leaving the old patent line and along Mays new line formerly Wrights entry line S 58 W 36 poles to John Wrights new corner pointers in said line, thence along his new lines N 8-1/2 W 54 poles crossing a branch to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas Holladay & Frances his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date first above written.

Thomas Holladay

Frances her X mark Hollday

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Matthew Pate Justices of the ____ County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that ____ a party to a certain deed bearing date the 30th September 1834 and ____ personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged ____ same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said ____ accorded. Given under our hands and seals this 4th day of October 1834

Wm Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Bedford County to Wit.

We William Shrewsbury and Matthew Pate Justices of the ____ the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that ____ Holladay wife of Thomas Halladay parties to a certain deeed for the convey____ real estate to John Wright bearing date 30th September 1834 and hereto annexed ____ appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by ____ and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained ____ she the said Frances Holladay acknowledged the same to be her act ____ and declared that she had willingly Signed, sealed, and delivered the same ____ that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals 4th day of October 1834.

Wm Shrewsbury J.P.
Matthew Pate J.P.

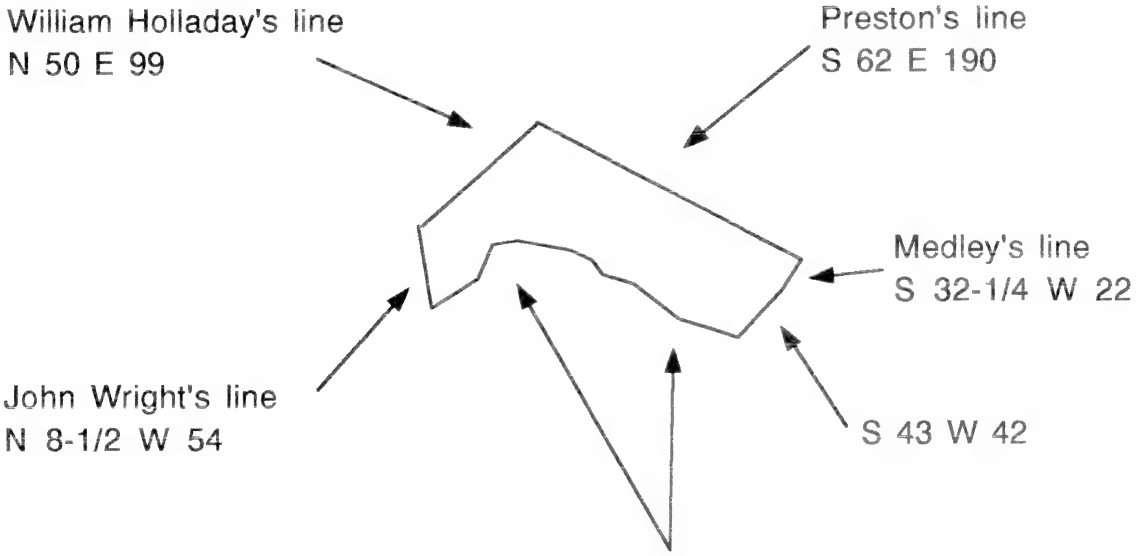
Bedford Clerks office October 10th 1834

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Thomas Halladay and Frances his wife to John Wright, was produced in office & ____ with the certificates thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell"

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

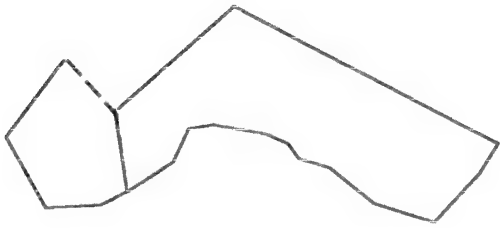
Bedford County, Virginia
Deed 24/280



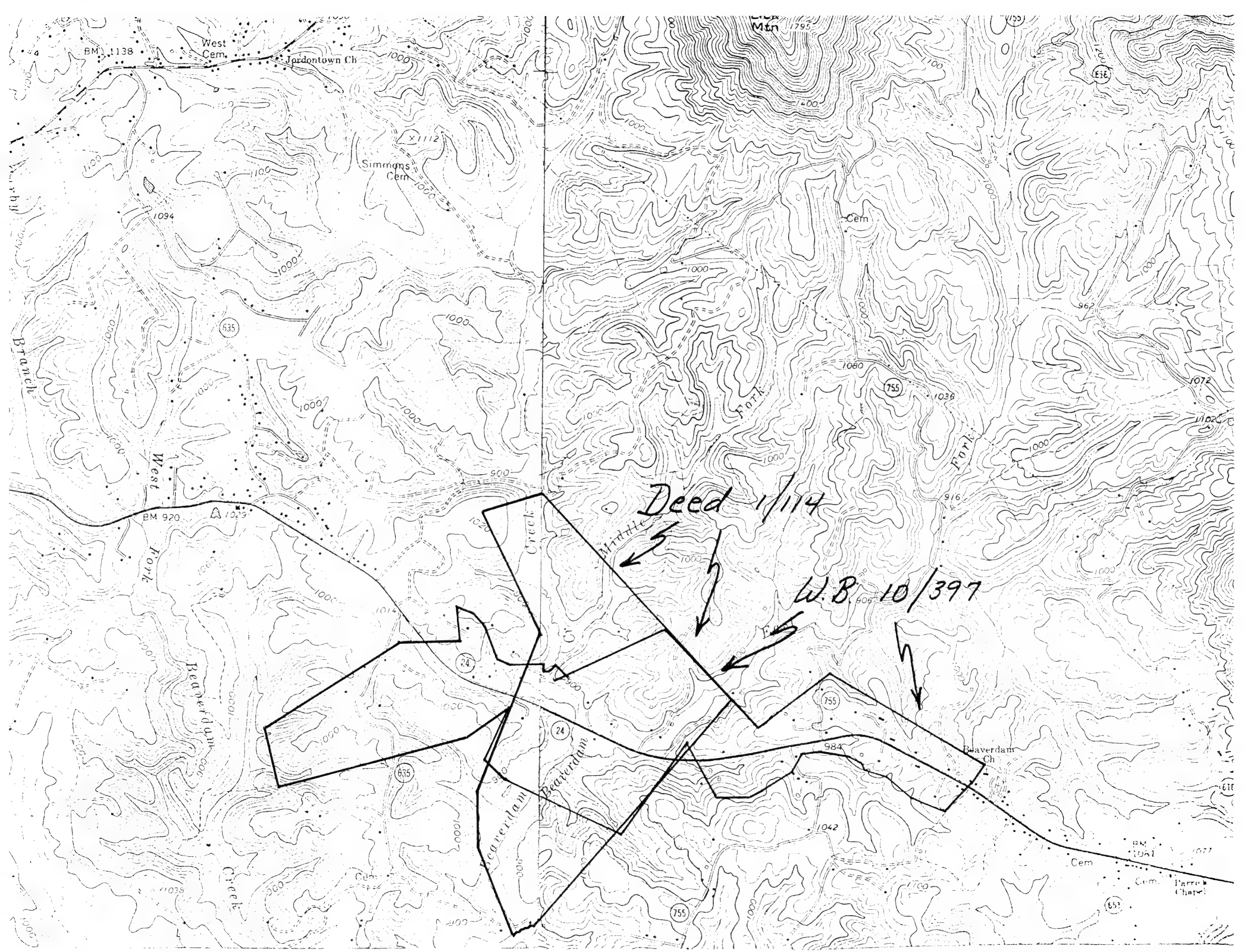
Mays' line
N 68-1/2 W 40
N 51 W 36
N 72 W 22
N 33 W 10
N 64-1/2 W 16
N 80 W 34
S 81-1/2 W 14
S 27 W 23-1/2
S 58 W 36

If the line described in Deed 24/133 as N 30-1/2 E 52-1/2 were corrected to read N 30-1/2 W 52-1/2, then Deeds 24/133 and 24/280 together would appear as follows, identifying them as the most easterly portion of the land of 1840 John Wright.

Bedford County, Virginia
Deed 24/133 & Deed 24/280



The remaining portion of the land described in Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/397 is the central portion. As set forth above in the Section on 1803 John Wright, the central portion of Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 1/114 dated September 5, 1756, from Thomas Boulden to Anthony Pate was identified as the 222 acre parcel (composed of two 111 acre parcels) ultimately acquired by 1803 John Wright. The location of that land, determined from the 1767 George Walton Patent Deed and sales of land by George Walton, was immediately to the east of Bedford County Deed 19/279, the land which has been identified above as the most westerly portion of the land of 1840 John Wright. In other words the location of the 222 acre parcel owned by 1803 John Wright is the same as the location of the central portion of the land owned by 1840 John Wright. An overlay of Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 1/114, W.B. 10/397, and Deed 6/330 dated September 27, 1779, from which Bedford County Deed, Virginia, 19/279 was ultimately taken, shown on the following page illustrates the common location of the 222 acre parcels.



Deed 1/114
W.B. 10/397
West Cem
Jordontown Ch
BM 1138
Simmons Cem
Cem
Fork
Middle
Creek
Beaverdam
Beaverdam Ch
Parrick Chapel
BM 920
Branch
West
Fork
Beaverdam
Creek

On December 17, 1834, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 24/480 Elizabeth Wright conveyed two slaves and a bond to John Wright in exchange for her support and in settlement of the lawsuit between them:

> "Know all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to John Wright my son of the aforesaid County and State and for the further consideration that the two negroes hereafter named was claimed by the said John Wright, and whereas I instituted a suit for said two negroes and others in the Superior Court of law and chancery holden at Lynchburg which will more fully show by a reference thereto being had, and in a compromise in the said suit the said John Wright conveyed his right and title to me to the said two negroes and also for the further consideration that the said John Wright is to bear his proportionate part with Joel Wright for my future board & expense during my life, and also for the further consideration of one dollar to and in hand paid by the said John Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said John Wright his heirs etc. the two negro men above aluded to Viz. Peter a yellow fellow and Ben a black man which I now have in possession, also a bond on William McGeorge for the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars bearing date the 17th day of December 1818, against the claim of her the said Elizabeth Wright, her executors, administrators or assigns against the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever to the aforesaid two negroes and bond I shall and will warrant & forever defend. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of Decemer 1834
>
> Witness
> Benjamin Bowles
> James Dillard
> Thomas Lancaster
>
> Elizabeth her X mark Wright
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> Bedford Clerks Office February 11th 1835
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> This deed of gift from Elizabeth Wright to John Wright, conveying personal estate, was produced in Office proved by the oath of James Dillard a subscribing witness thereto. And afterwards to Wit At a Court held for said County the 22nd day of June 1835 the same was proved by the oath of Thomas Lancaster another subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.
>
> Teste
> Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	John Wright (BD)	1	5	7

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
		1.67

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
John Wright (BD)		220	On Beaver dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120¼	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
16 SW	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
" "	2.00		300.00	.24	
" "	3.50		420.00	.34	of Thomas Holliday
25 "	2.00	1200	1444.00	1.16	

This record reflects the purchase of 120-1/4 acres of land by Bedford County Deeds 24/133 and 24/280.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
M & John Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	___
		.06	

In November 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/186 John Wright was appointed surveyor of the road from Beaverdam Creek to Pea Town:

> "Ordered that John Wright (B.D.) be appointed Surveyor of the road from Beaver dam to Pea Town in room of Robert Lancaster removed, and the usual hands are ordered to assist said surveyor in keeping the same in good repair"

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household:

_____	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836 _____	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	John Wright BD	1	6	9

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	2.04

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
John Wright (BD)		220	On Bever dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120¼	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improvements Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
16	6.50	525	1330.00	1.01	
16 SW	2.00		300.00	.24	
16 SW	3.50		420.00	.34	
25	2.00	1200	1444.00	1.16	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
M & John Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

In June 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/242 an accounting by John Wright for the estate of Robert Hardy was filed:

> "An Account Current of the estate of Robert Hardy Deceased with John Wright Executor, having lain since the last Court for exceptions, and none being taken thereto, the same is ordered to be recorded."

In July 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/250 John Wright was ordered to view the way for a road from Pea Town toward the Lynville Road:

> "On the petition of Robert J. Thurman & Others, it is ordered that John Wright, Nathaniel Newsom and George Overstreet being first sworn for the purpose, do view a way for a road from Pea Town by the Way of Jointer Meeting house to intersect with the Linville road near Mr. James Dickinsons Mill, and report to Court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as the public generally, in case said proposed road should be established - and further to report what advantage will arise to the several proprietors of the lands through which said road is proposed to be conducted by the establishment thereof."

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
	John Wright (BD)	1	6	7

Studs Carriages &c	Tax $ Cts
	1.92

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
John Wright (BD)		220	On Bever dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
John Wright (BD)	Bedford	120¼	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
16	6.50	525	2055.00	1.65	
16 SW	2.00		300.00	.24	
" "	3.50		420.00	.34	
25 "	2.00	1200	1444.00	1.16	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
M & John Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent $ lots	Tax $ lots	
		.06	

On January 18, 1838, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 27/137 Mary Hardy sold to John Wright her dower interest in the lands of her deceased husband:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, between Mary Hardy of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and John Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars current money of the United States to her in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold released & confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, release and confirm unto him the said John Wright all the right, title and interest which the said Mary Hardy holds in and to one hundred and twenty two acres of land situate in the County of Bedford and lying on Staunton River including the Mansion house of Robert Hardy deceased the same being the lot assigned to the said John Wright in the division of the real estate of Robert Hardy deceased and subject to the Dower right of the said Mary Hardy during her natural life for a more particular description thereof reference can be had to the plat and report of the commissioners in that case which has been duly filed in the Clerks office

according to law. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining unto him the said John Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The said Mary Hardy doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said John Wright his heirs executors administrators and assigns to forever warrant and defend all the right title and interest which she the said Mary Hardy is vested with free from the claims or demands of all persons or manners of persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Mary Hardy hath hereunto set her hand and affixed her seal the day and date first above written

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
Robert J Thurman
John Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Mary her X mark Hardy

At a Court held for Bedford County the 29th day of August 1837

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Mary Hardy to John Wright was produced in Court and proved as to the said Mary Hardy by the oath of Robert J. Thurman and Matthew Pate witnesses thereto. And thereafter to Wit. Bedford Clerks Office the 13th day of April 1838, the same was further proved as to the said Mary Hardy by the oath of John Shrewsbury another witness thereto and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on May 1:

_____	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
May 1	John Wright BD	2	8	8

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
	3.04

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (B Dam) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
John Wright (B Dam)		220	On Bever dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
16 SW	6.50	525	2055.00	2.06	
" "	2.00		300.00	.30	
" "	3.50		420.00	.42	
25 "	2.00	1200	1441.00	1.45	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
M & John Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following household on April 3:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
Apl 3rd	John Wright (BD)	2	7	8

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		2.74

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (B Dam) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
John Wright BD		220	On Bever dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
16 SW	6.50	525	2055.00	2.06	
" "	2.00		300.00	.30	
" "	3.50		420.00	.42	
25 "	2.00	1200	1441.00	1.45	

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & Jno Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
M & Jno Wright	Bedfd	fee	1	

Value of Lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
6			

On May 10, 1839, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 24/220 John Wright sold to James M. Figgat and Absalom C. Dempsey the 11 acres of land purchased by Botetourt County Deed 19/269:

> "This Indenture made this tenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine between John Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and James M Figgat and Absalom C Dempsey of the second part Witnesseth that the said John Wright for and in consideration of the sum of $105 to him in hand paid by said Figgat & Dempsey hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth [missing portion] C Dempsey eleven Acres of Land (more or less) lying near the town of Fincastle which was conveyed to him by Thompson Crutchfield and Bernard Pitzer trustees in a Deed of trust dated the 30th of March 1831 executed by Jacob Booth Joseph Cook Elizabeth Cook Zachariah Cook & Barbary Cook & which said Land was formerly owned by Christopher Fringer To have and to hold the said eleven Acres of Land to them the said James M Figgatt & Absalom C Dempsey their heirs &c forever and the said John Wright the title to the said Eleven Acres of Land to the said James M Figgatt & Absalom C Dempsey their heirs &c will Warrant and defend against the claim of him the Said John Wright & his heirs &c & all & every person claiming by through or under him and against any claim the heirs & Legatees of Robert Hardy Decd may have to the same but against the claims of no other person whatsoever In Witness whereof the said John Wright hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal this tenth day of May 1839
>
> John Wright
>
> State of Virginia Bedford County to Wit.
>
> We Matthew Pate and William Mead Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that John Wright a party to a certain Deed bearing date the tenth day of May 1839 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed and descried us to Certify the said ackowledgment to the Clerk of the County

Botetourt County Court Clerks Office 22nd October 1839

This Deed with the Certificate of acknowledgment thereon Written was this day exhibited in said Office and admitted to record

teste
F Woltz CB.C."

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright BD with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Mch 25	John Wright BD	1	4	8

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		1.84

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wright (BD) with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
John Wright (BD)		220	On Bever dam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	
16 SW	7.41	750	1630.20	1.64	
" "	3.00		450.00	.45	
" "	3.50		420.00	.42	
25 "	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots on Plan of Town
M & John Wright	Bedford	Fee	

Description of Lotts agreeable to plan of Town	Value Including Buildings	Sum added on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
			5.00	.06

The will of 1840 John Wright was dated August 24, 1839, probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen, I John Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory thank God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following To Wit,

1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid, for which purpose I charge the whole of my estate if necessary,

2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Robert W. Wright my two Boys, Ben and Sam, also my boy Marshal, and my Girl Tilda, also one bay colt now known as his colt,

3rd I give and bequeath unto my son John Q A Wright my two Boys, Frank and Dunmore, also my Girl Cinda, and one bay colt now known as Johns colt, and one boys saddle, now known as his saddle, and the sum of ten dollars in cash, also a sufficiency of cash to make his colt equal in value to the value of Roberts colt at the time they may be appraised,

4th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary L Wright my two Boys, Andy and Tom, also my Girl Lucy, and one new side saddle now in my house, Three new Bed quilts, and one needle worked white Counterpane, and the value of the colt bequeathed to my son Robert, in cash, -

5th I give and bequeath unto my son James O Wright my four boys, Green, Thornton, Henry and Peter also the sum of Ten dollars in cash, and the amount of the value of Roberts Colt in cash,

6th I give and bequeath unto my three sons, Robert W. Wright, John Q A Wright, and James O Wright, all the tract of land on which I now live including the home place devised to me by my Father, also the tract purchased of Balenger Mays, and the tract purchased of Thomas Holladay to be equally divided between the three, though not to be divided until the first day of January Eighteen Hundred and forty one, but so soon thereafter as may be practicable, and it is my will and desire that my Executors herein after named do rent out all of the above mentioned lands until the time specified for a division thereof, having none cleared but what is necessary for fire wood and necessary repairs,

7th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary L Wright all my Tract of Land lying on Staunton River it being the same land that fell to me from the estate of Robert Hardy Decd by virtue of my marriage and said to contain about one Hundred and twenty two acres,

8th I give and bequeath unto my four children, to wit Robert, John, Mary and James, all my undivided interest in all the lands lying & being in Harrison County State of Virginia and belonging to the estate of Robert Hardy Decd which is one sixth part of about Eleven Hundred acres, and I hereby request and empower my Executors herein after named immediately after my death to proceed to sell or dispose of all of my interest in said lands in that manner which they may think most advantageous to my children and divide the proceeds thereof equally between my four children above named,

9th In consideration of the services heretofore rendered by and the respect and regard which I have for Sally Sense who is now a member of my family, I give and bequeath unto her the said Sally Sense one good cow and calf, one good feather Bed, known in my family as her bed, and a reasonable portion of good furniture to be alloted to her by my executors, and the sum of fifty dollars in cash,

to be paid over to her by my executors out of any money that may come into their hands, not otherwise herein appropriated,

10th Whereas I am under obligations to pay a certain proportion towards the support of my mother from the first day of next January, now it is my will and desire that my proportion be regularly paid by my Executors, the amount of which I wish to be made up by taking an equal portion from the hire of my three boys, Ben, Frank & Andy,

11th It is my will and desire, that immediately after my death my Executors take charge of the whole of my estate, and that so soon threafter as may be practicable, instead of exposing them to sale, that my executors divide all of my beds, Bedsteads & furniture not hereinbefore disposed of by me, together with all my reading books, into four equal parts, and give them to my four children herein before named, and that they porceed to sell all the balance of my property not herein before disposed of by me, at public auction and divide the proceeds thereof equally between my four children above named, and that they retain all my negroes under their control and management, and proceed to hire them out for the benefit of my estate, until the 1st day of January Eighteen Hundred and forty three, and then proceed to distribute them among my children agreeable to the provisions herein before contained

12th I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Joel Wright, James Wright and Robert I Thurmon Executors to this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing and empowering them to compromise and settle any matter or difficulty that may ever arise in the settlement and administration of my estate in that way which they may think most to the interest thereof, without litigation, and in case of a difficulty or disagreement of opinion between my executors and a contending party, it is my will and desire that an arbitration thereof sanctioned by my Executors or any two of them should be a final settlement thereof, and it is my will and desire that in case my Executors above named should be willing to qualify and undertake the administration of my estate, that they should not be ruled or held to security, but that they be permited to take charge of, and proceed in the administration thereof on their own responsibility and I hereby revoke and declare null and void all other will or wills heretofore ever made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of August One Thousand eight Hundred and thirty nine,

Signed, Sealed, &) John Wright
acknowledged in the)
presents of)
George Overstreet)
Tommey Wright)

Codicil I do further will and bequest to Sarah Sence the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her by my executors out of any moneys that may come into their hands not otherwise disposed of in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 24th of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presents of
George Overstreet
Tommey Wright

John Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of March 1840. This last will and testament of John Wright together with the codicil thereto annexed was produced in court and the said will and codicil proved by the oath of George Overstreet and Tommey Wright subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of James Wright and Joel Wright two of the executors in said will named who made oath and gave bond in the penalty of $10,000 each conditioned according to law (Security having been dispensed with by said will, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate on said will in due form. Robert J Thurmon the other executor in said will named being dead

Teste
Jos. C. Mitchell CBC"

From this record the family of 1840 John Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: ____ (Hardy) Wright

Children:
1) Robert W. Wright,
2) John Q. A. Wright,
3) Mary L. Wright, and
4) James O. Wright.

The fact that 1840 John's wife was not named in his will or left any property suggests that she died sometime prior to August 24, 1839, the date the will was written.

The admission of the will to probate was also recorded in March 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/42:

"The last will and testament of John Wright deceased and the Codicil thereto annexed produced in Court proved by the oath of Tommy Wright and George Overstreet Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of James Wright and Joel Wright who made oath and severally

entered into bonds in the penalty of $10,000: each, (no security being required by said will), Conditioned according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat on said will in due form. Robert J. Thurman the other executor in said Will named being dead."

In March 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/42 appraisers were appointed for the estate of John Wright:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate, William Johnson, William Holladay and George Overstreet or any three of them being first sworn appraise personal the estate of John Wright deceased and make report to Court, and also such part of the real estate as may be subject to the control of the executors and report to Court."

The Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of 1840 John Wright was filed on April 2, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/246 and listed property valued at $7,483.64, including 1/6 of 1100 acres in Harrison County valued at $183.34:

"Inventory & appraisement of the personal estate of John Wright Decd.

1 McComack plough	3.00
1 do do	2.50
1 shovel plough & Stock	.50
1 Coulter do & do	.25
1 Shovel plough 4 Singletrees Clovis & chain	1.50
1 fifth chain & Stretchers	7.00
Lot of old Irons	1.50
Old wagon body	1.25
Axle tree pr. hounds &c.	.50
Lot old Irons & old gear	1.00
3 clevises small pr stretchers & sythe anvil	.75
2 Drawing knives fro & trowel & 2 chissels	1.50
1 foot adz & Iron Square	.75
2 Iron wedges reap hook butrass & sythe blade	.75
Set augers & file	.75
2 mattocks & 5 pole axes	6.25
6 hilling hoes & dung fork	3.50
1 watering bucket & iron hoop	.25
1 side saddle & bridle	2.50
2 old mens saddle	2.50
1 old Hhd & 1 box	.50
1 lot shoe lasts	.12
2 Sythes & cradles	2.00
1 mowing sythe & 3 fixtures	.50
1 wheel barrow & grind stone	5.00

2 raw hides	2.50
1 Sow in pen & 5 pigs	5.00
1 do & 9 pigs	6.00
10 hogs	30.00
1 white Sow & 9 pigs	7.00
4 yearlings	7.00
4 young steers	25.00
1 black cow & calf	12.00
1 bell do & bell	10.00
1 muly white cow & calf	10.00
1 muly cow black head	10.00
1 muly do do	12.00
1 brindle muly do & calf	4.00
1 McComack plow damaged	2.00
1 large do do & double tree &c	7.50
1 shovel plow & stock	1.00
1 do do & stretchers	1.50
1 old do & dung fork	.62
1 wagon, pr. stretchers & 2 halter chains	75.00
a quantity of wheat supposed 90 bu 35¢	33.50
a quantity of oats supposed 14 Bu @ 1/6	3.50
4 large ticks & 2 small do	2.00
1 Bbl with quantity of beans	.25
1 wheat fan	25.00
2 empty gums Bbl. & box	.25
a quantity Sheaf oats in the barn	30.00
A quantity in Barkers old house supposed 3000 cts	20.00
1 cutting box	.50
A quantity blade fodder in barn	7.50
Ditto hay in do	7.00
Small stack oats in field	1.50
a parcel of loose planks	.75
Do. of wheat straw	1.25
Do. of flax in shoaf	.25
1 bay horse called Jack	65.00
1 Sorrel do " Fox	80.00
1 sorrel mare " Kit	30.00
Amt. brought over	$583.99
1 yellow horse Ned	50.00
1 Sorrel mare called Jolly	65.00
1 bay yearling colt	25.00
1 young bay horse (Robt's)	75.00
1 young filly (John's)	50.00
5 pair wagon gear bridles &c	7.50

1 negro man Sam	400.00
1 do do Thornton	500.00
1 do boy Dun	300.00
1 do old man Peter	200.00
1 do man Andy	550.00
1 do do Ben	550.00
1 do do Green	550.00
1 do do Tom	500.00
1 do do Frank	750.00
1 girl Matilda	450.00
1 girl Lucy	450.00
1 do Cinda	225.00
1 small boy Henry	200.00
1 do do Marshall	150.00
1 do infant Bennett	100.00
14 head old sheep & 3 lambs	29.50
2 cotton wheels & flax do	2.50
Churn, water bucket & coffeemill	1.00
Lot Castings pots, ovens &c	5.00
Lot of weaving apparatas & Bbl.	.50
Handsaw, reap hook & stone jar	1.25
Shovel, pan handle, & small fat stand	.75
2 pot racks & bridle	2.12
1 loom & pr. temples	4.00
Lot water vessels sifter & tray	1.75
3 Bee stands with Bees	5.00
A quantity corn in cornhouse say 60 Bbls	120.00
Amt brot over	$6904.86
1 flour barrel & parcel salt	3.25
3 empty flour barrels	.50
1 Bbl plaister	3.25
1 bag do	2.75
A quantity bacon say 1000 lbs	100.00
Lot of soap gum &c	4.17
3/4 Bushels Clover seed	7.50
Small lot flax	.50
Lot cider, Bbls. & tubs	2.75
2 firkins with hogs lard	2.75
1 small mulet	.37
Small parcel tow	.50
1 flax hackle	.50
1/2 doz. windsor chairs	4.00
8 split bottom do	3.00
4 pair harness & 2 shuttles	1.62

1 bureau & looking glass	10.25
Lot books & dressing table	4.50
2 folding tables	8.00
Lot earthenware, bottles, crewits tea pot &c	4.00
3 jars & stone jug & small quantity honey	1.25
2 tin buckets & small coffee pot	1.00
Lot knives & forks & spoons	1.00
2 shot guns	10.50
1 patent clock	10.00
1 Slate & sad iron	.50
pr. and irons & poker	.75
1 bed bedstead & furniture	20.00
1 do do do	20.00
3 trunks	6.00
Flax wheel check reel & slay	4.00
1 lot counterpins & sheets	45.25
1 womans saddle	12.00
2 beds bedsteads & furniture	40.00
1 mans saddle (Johns)	9.00
Amt. brot forward	$7254.77
1 large pine Chest	1.00
11 Barrels flour	27.50
Empty bed & flour Bbl	.38
Old pr. saddlebags	.50
2 Slays & damaged one	2.00
Harness frames & candlestand	.25
Lot Spun toe	1.75
1/6 of 1100 acres land in Harrisons Cty	183.34
158 lbs old tire iron	7.90
1 flesh brush	1.00
pr. candlemould & candlestick	.25
Flax brake	1.00
1 raw hide at tanyard	2.00
	$7483.64

Pursuant to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at their March term 1840 we have proceeded after having been first duly sworn for the purpose to appraise the estate of John Wright deceased as shown and described to us, agreeable to the annexed Inventory amounting to the sum of $7483:64. Given under our hands this 2nd day of April 1840

William Holladay
William Johnson
George Overstreet

The foregoing Inventory is correct

Joel Wright)
James Wright) Exors.

Inventory of bonds &c in hands of the Executors not appraised.

John J Turner Due 1st day January 1840	40.00
William Johnson Due 1st January 1840	55.00
John Saunders Due 1st January 1840	100.00
Luke Richardson & William Greenwood Due 25th Decmr. 1837	70.00
James Wright Due 1st Jany. 1840	80.00
A. Evans & J. Wright Due 22nd August 1839	35.00
George Overstreet Due 2nd March 1840	87.50
John Tinsley Due March 1837	22.00
With a credit for	10.00
Isaac Nofsinger Due 1st January 1841	80.00
B. Moomaw Due 1st January 1841	75.00
David Gish Due 1st January 1841	62.50
Jacob Coon & D. Gish Due 1st January 1841	130.00
James Wright Due 1st January 1841	80.00
John T. Turner Due 1st January 1841	40.00
Abija Duglass Due 1st January 1841	15.00
John Shrewsbury a/c	3.75
Wm McGeorge a/c	5.00
Joseph Hardy a/c	.50
John J. Dent a/c	6.00
Cash on hand	35.90

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of July 1840. This Inventory & appraisement of the estate of John Wright deceased was produced in Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

In July 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/100 Joel Wright was appointed guardian for Robert W. Wright and John Q. A. Wright, orphan children of John Wright:

"Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Guardian of Robert W. Wright & John Q. A. Wright orphans of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with James Wright his Security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $7,000: conditioned according to law."

On July 27, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/249, a list of the sales of personal property for the estate of 1840 John Wright was filed showing proceeds of $678.04:

"List of the Sale of the personal estate of John Wright deceased

1 McCormack plough	George Overstreet	1.30
1 large do. and single tree	Ditto	5.00
1 Shovel plough & stock	Ditto	.65
1 coulter & stock	Joshua Walden	.25
1 Shovel plough & stocks	Silas Dearing	.25
1 do do & clevis	Capt Samuel West	.20
1 singletree	William Patterson	.40
1 Dung fork	Silas Dearing	.25
1 pole ax	Joel Wright	.35
1 Do	Rowland Wheeler	.50
1 Do	Joshua Walden	.25
1 fifth chain & stretchers	Joel Wright	4.25
1 old wagon body & axletree	Lewis Wysong	1.00
1 Bee stand (Square gum)	Dr. John Claytor	1.55
1 Do Ditto	George Overstreet	1.25
1 Do (round gum)	Ditto	2.55
1 plow shear & rod 21 lbs(?)	Lewis Wysong @ 2¼¢	.47
1 old tyre 22 lbs(?)	Dr. John Claytor " 4½¢	.99
1 pr. steelyards	Isaiah Compton	.90
1 Iron wedge	Joseph Payne	.20
1 ditto	Vincent Jordan	.20
1 foot adz	James Wills	.50
1 fro	William Johnson	.50
4 Sythes	Peter M. Wright	.18
1 lot old harnes & Irons	Joel Wright	.27
1 lot old Irons	Lewis Wysong	.32
1 Do	Vincent Jordan	.19
1 Do	Capt. Samuel West	.16
2 augers	Joel Bassham	.25
1 masons trowel & Iron hoop	Peter M. Wright	.30
1 lot old Irons	Rowland Wheeler	.40
1 Drawing knife & file	John Prather	.85
1 Square & reap hook	Peter M Wright	.37½
1 Butteras & bridle bit	Anthony Evans	.21
1 lot breeching rings &c	James Wright	.90
Amnt brought forward		28.16½
1 Collar, bucket &c	Lewis Wysong	1.00
1 Empty box	Ditto	.26

1 Side Saddle	Abijah Douglass	3.95
1 old wagon saddle	Henry P. Williamson	1.10
1 old Spinning Wheel & warping bar &c	Isaiah Compton	.26
1 Empty hogshead	George Overstreet	.27
1 wheel barrow	James Wright	3.25
2 raw hides 21 lbs	Peter M Wright 13¢ pr pound	2.73
5 pigs $2.70, 1 blind Sow $2	Robert Wright	4.70
1 white and 9 pigs	Joseph P. Wright	13.00
1 Sow & 6 pigs	Capt E. Pate	9.00
1 do. & 9 do	George Holdren	6.25
1 young sow with pig	William Johnson	9.05
1 Boar	Joseph P Wright	4.10
2 1st choice hogs	Robert Wright	8.97
2 Second do. do	Moultree Patterson	8.00
3 third do. do	Robert Wright	11.00
1 white muly cow (black head) & calf	Read Barton	14.30
1 black Cow & calf	William Carter	12.00
1 bell cow & Bell	Capt. John Pollard	8.00
1 white muly cow with black head	Do Do	11.00
1 black do	Joseph P. Wright	12.90
1 heifer (Jno. Wrights)	Thomas Ferguson	11.05
2 Spotted Steers	Grief R. Adams $9. each	18.00
1 white steer	John Huddleston	6.05
1 Spotted steer (red head)	George Holdren	4.00
1 heifer (Bashaba Stimmons)	John Huddleston	5.30
1 black bull	Robert Wright	3.00
1 Spotted do	George Holdren	3.00
1 horned heifer	Benjamin Bowles	4.25
1 heifer (black neck)	Joseph P. Wright	3.05
1 Sorrel mare	Isaac Taylor	65.50
1 bay colt	Isaiah Compton	29.50
3 Ewes & lambs	Ditto	6.25
4 choice weathers	William H. Tate	9.30
4 Second choice Do	William Dickinson	8.20
3 third do. do	Henry P. Williamson	4.95
Amt. brought over		354.65½
10 bushels wheat	Rowland Wheeler .50¢ pr. bu.	5.00
10 do do	Daniel Broof 43¢ "	4.50
16 do do	Moses Simmons 42¢ "	6.72
20 do do	Samuel West 41¢ "	8.20
20 do do	Lorenzo D. Preston 41¢ "	8.20
24 do. the remainder	Anthony Evans 44¢ "	10.56

2 Empty hogsheads	James Wright	.76
1 barrel & beans	Dr. John Claytor	1.10
2 small old barrels	Joel Wright	.25
1 lot chaff	Do	.25
1 wheat fan	Daniel Broof	18.50
20 bushels oats	Capt. Pate 25¢	5.00
The balance of oats 40 bushels	James Wright 23¢	9.20
1 lot plank (in the barn)	Ditto	1.25
1 lot straw	Joel Wright	.75
1 lot flax	David McManawa	2.01
1 Cotton wheel	Dr. John Claytor	.80
1 do	George Overstreet	1.55
1 little wheel, reel & bridle	Anthony Evans	.30
1 little wheel	Robert Nimmo Sr.	3.10
1 bread tray & reap hook	Dr. Jno. Claytor	.30
1 biscuit baker & lid	Anthony Evans	2.00
1 oven, lid & hooks	John Newsom	.55
1 Dinner pot	Vincent Jordan	.90
One shovel	Dr. John Claytor	.65
1 Ladle	Peter M. Wright	.33
1 Frying pan	Moultied Patterson	.30
1 2 gallon Jar	William Johnson	.37½
1 1 " do	John Newsom	.34
1 Churn	Joshua Bennett	1.00
1 boom	Benjamin Bowles	3.95
1 Barrel flour 175	Capt. Pate @ $1.60	
1 Do do 169 344 lbs	pr hund	5.50
1 Do do 160		
1 Do do 152 312 lbs	Achilles Womack $1.65 "	5.15
½ Bushel clover seed	Capt. Pate	6.50
Amount brought forward		$470.30
1 Bay & plaister	Silas Dearing	4.25
½ Tierce do. & barrel	Daniel Broof	3.05
1 barrel & salt	L. D. Preston	2.45
100 lbs bacon	Ditto	11.70
100 " do	Achilles Womack	11.45
100 " do	Anthony Evans	11.10
100 " do with the	D. Brugh $9.73	
privilege of balance	Patterson $11.87	21.60
1 flax brake	Robert Wright	.25
5 barrels Corn	Robert Hardy @ $2.50	12.50
5 do do	Do 2.50	12.50
5 do do	Daniel Frailing 2.50	12.50
5 do do	James Wright 2.40	12.00

1 Empty hogshead	George Overstreet	.45
1 do do	Ditto	.30
1 powdering tub	Isaiah Compton	.30
2 Cider barrels	James Wright @ 25¢ ea	.50
1 Rimlet	Thomas Melson	.25
1 Hackle	James Wills	.30
93 lbs Lard & tub	Daniel Broof @ 11¢ pr. lb	10.23
31 " do. & do. & flour barrel	L. D. Preston " 7½ p lbs	2.33
1 Hair trunk	John Wright	1.00
1 Square do	Robert Wright	1.25
1 hair trunk	James Wright	1.85
1 large chest	Robert Wright	1.17
1 ½ gallon jug	Joseph P. Wright	.16
1 Jar & honey	James Wright	1.71
1 old desk	Joseph Payne	.12½
1 flask & 2 bottles	John W. Newsom	.26
2 pitchers (1 broke)	Thomas Melson	.30
1 bowl & pitcher	Ditto	.42
1 waiter & contents	L. D. Preston	.40
1 Set liverpool cups & saucers	Joel Bassham	.45
1 Set plated tea spoons	David McManawa	.21
6 plates	Lewis Wysong	.23
1 Dish	James Wills	.38
1 Do	Isaac Gilpin	.35
1 Coffee pot & canister	Joseph P. Wright	.27
Amount brought over		610.84½
1 Britainia tea pot	James Wright	.52
1 tin bucket	William Carter	.40
1 box coffee mill	Wright's Sam	.12½
4 knives & forks	Peter M. Wright	1.10
1 box looking glass	William Johnson	.85
1 dressing table	Dr. John Claytor	1.20
1 Folding table	Elizabeth Wright	5.00
1 do do	Silas Dearing	4.25
1 dressing table	Achilles Womack	.87½
6 windsor chairs	Peter M. Wright @ .70¢ ea	4.20
3 Split bottom do	Joseph P. Wright 43¢	1.29
3 do do	John Stewart 42¢	1.26
1 Cut reel	Peter M. Wright	1.50
2 Slays & 2 pr. harness	Robert Wright	2.25
2 do do	George Overstreet	1.40
1 do do	H. D. Powell	.25
4 pr. harness & Slay	James Wright	.35
1 " Saddlebags & harness frames	Rowland Wheeler	.50

1 buereau	Samuel Thomas	10.40
1 pair temples	Josel Wright	1.00
2 Shuttles	Anthony Evans	.12½
1 Candlestand & Stick	Thomas Melson	.25
1 noggin & piggen	William Carter	.20
1 Shot gun pouch &c	Peter M Wright	6.00
1 old shot gun & pouch	L. D. Preston	1.20
1 pair candlemoulds	Abijah Douglass	.26
1 Clock	Anthony P. Wright	8.00
12 lbs Coffee	Anthony Evans @ 16¢	1.92
1 Sugar box	Mrs William Jordan	.31
1 lot Sundries	James Wright	.25
1 " knitting needles	Joel Wright	.26
1 " do do	Moulter Patterson	.25
1 Lot Tow 4 lbs	George Overstreet @ 12½ pr lb	.50
1 flax brake	Isaiah Compton	.70
1 flesh brush	James Wright	.25
100 lbs Iron	Joel Wright	4.50
2 bottles	Ditto	.18
1 Do	George Overstreet	.08
1 black bottle	Anthony Evans	.27
1 pr. and irons	J. Wright	.12
5 bushels potatoes	James Wright @ 21¢	1.05
5 do do	Robert Wright " 18¢	.90
2 Singletrees	William Patterson	.35
1 Mattock	Isaac James	.35
2 Small hilling hoes	George Overstreet	.20
		$678.04

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of July 1840.

This list of sales of the estate of John Wright deceased was produced in Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Wrights (BD) Est with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
John Wrights (BD) Est		220	On Beverdam Cr
do		150	On the Same
do		120	On the Same
do		122	On Staunton

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
16 SW	7.41	750	1630.20	2.04
" "	3.00		450.00	.57
" "	3.50		420.00	.53
25 "	9.38	900	1144.36	1.44

The reference to "Est" clearly identifies this John Wright as 1840 John Wright of Bedford County.

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
M & John Wright	Bedford	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable To Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum added to Lots on account of Buildings	Yearly Rent	Name of Town	Amt of Tax
			5.00		.07

On January 25, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/304, a further list of sales for the estate made on November 19, 1840, was recorded showing further proceeds of $671.74:

"A list of sales of the personal estate of John Wright deceased made by his executors the 19th November 1840

1 lot of old barrels	Thomas Melson	.60
Bread tray & Sifter	George Overstreet	.25
1 bucket & tub	James Wright	.45
2 baskets crum(?) &c	Thomas Melson	.35
Churn & 2 tables	James Wright	.34
Tin bucket	Same	.12½
1 Sythe & cradle	Peter M. Wright	2.65
1 ditto	Joel Dent	.25
1 ditto	Josiah Minno	.40
1 lot guns & box	Thomas Melson	.35
1 truckle wheel	David Mc	.13
Pot rack &c	Thomas Melson	.30
1 ditto	John Melson	.50
1 Smoothing iron	George Overstreet	.25
1 pot	John Claytor	.90
1 pot	Silas Dearing	.60
1 oven & hooks	Joel Wright	.70
1 broken jar	Josel Wright	.16
1 hand saw	Joel Franklin	.50
1 log chain	Joel Wright	2.00
2 halter chains	James Wright	.65
1 lot of chains	Alfred Gooldy	.25
1 lot of old irons	Anairiah Meador	.13
1 box irons	James Wright	.25
1 colter	John Melson	.15
1 Clivis and fork	John Melson	.30
1 tar bucket	P. M. Wright	.31
1 fork	M. D. Gray	.25
1 auger	A. Foutz	.28
1 grind Stone	D. Brugh	2.05
1 matax	B. Bowles	.80
2 pr. stretchers	S. M. West	._
1 Single tree	A. Meador	.12½
1 pole axe	William McGeorge	1.00
1 ditto	Ditto	1.22½
1 drawing knife	S. M. West	.14
1 hilling hoe	D. Brugh	.25
1 ditto	James Wright	.06½
1 ditto	T. Melson	.40
1 ditto	R. Anderson	.12½
1 old Saddle	Mat Bandy	.12½

1 Sythe	Isaaih B Compton	.60
1 ditto	B. Bowles	.50
1 ditto & old irons	C Richardson	.15
1 pair geer	McNeel Felson	3.00
1 ditto	Jas Wright	.50
1 ditto	F. Franklin	2.20
1 ditto	P. M. Wright	2.05
1 ditto	Ditto	2.12
1 Cutting box	John Melson	.50
1 plough	A. Gooldy	.80
1 plough &c	Wm McGeorge	2.00
1 Shovel plough &c	J. Melson	.65
1 Ditto	Jas Wright	.12½
1 half Shucks	Joel Wright	2.70
Ditto	A. Evans	2.85
1 pen of Straw	R. Anderson	2.00
1 ditto	D. Brugh	1.06
1 lot of flax	Joel Wright	.35
1 lot of hay	D. Brugh	6.23
1 lot of fodder at barn	James Wright	3.32
1 lot of oats in barn	Ditto	8.52
1 lot of chaff	John Claytor	3.2_
15 bushels wheat	John Bennett .57¢	7.5_
20 Ditto	D. Brugh 57	11._
40 bushels wheat	A Evans 53¢	21.20
23 Ditto	James Wright 50¢	11.00
10 Ditto	James Corley 56	5.60
Balance	A. Evans 56	1.16
1 Sorrel horse (Fox)	James Wright	82.00
1 ditto (Jack)	John Melson	41.00
1 mare Kit	McFelson	46.00
1 yellow horse	Matthew Pate	60.50
1 lot corn 5 barrels	Thomas Nickle 12/-	10.00
10 barrels ditto	Joel Wright $2	20.00
10 ditto	Silas Dearing	20.00
10 ditto	H. Williamson	20.00
5 ditto	James Wills	10.00
10 ditto	James Wright	20.00
5 ditto	Sam West	10.00
10 ditto	James Wright	20.00
10 ditto	Josiah Nimmo	20.00
5 ditto	Richard Anderson	10.00
5 ditto	S. M. West	10.00
11 ditto	Josiah Nimmo	22.00

1 lot Short Corn	James Wright	17.61
1 lame Cow	Wm Muse	8.15
1 Calf	George Overstreet	3.70
1 Wagon	Joel Wright	70.00
1 Stack fodder	A. Smith	3.50
1 ditto	ditto	3.80
1 top stack	J. Claytor	1.00
1 Stack fodder	A. Evans	3.36
1 ditto	ditto	2.86
1 top ditto	ditto	1.86
1 ditto	John Claytor	1.00
1 top stack	John Claytor	.75
1 lot fodder	Do	1.10
1 Stack fodder	D. McWaif	2.12
Cabbage	G. Overstreet	.55
1 lot plank	James Wright	1.00
1 top Stack	Ditto	1.00
1 lot Shattered Corn	Ditto	.60
1 do	Joel Wright	.75
1 lot tab and wheat	John Burnett	.75
1 Iron fork	James Wright	. 6¼
1 grindstone	James Corley	1.95
		$671.74

James Wrighr) Exors of John
Joel Wright) Wright Decd.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25" day of January 1841.

This list of Sales of the estate of John Wright deceased was produced in Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. W. Mitchell CBC"

In April 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/178 commissioners were appointed to divide and allot the land of John Wright among his heirs:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate, William Hollady, William Johnson and George Overstreet or any three of them, divide and allot the lands of John Wright deceased amongst the legatees of said decedent agreeably to his will and make report to Court."

A Division and Allotment of 1840 John Wright's land was dated August 8, 1841, and filed September 27, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/397:

"August the 8th 1841. In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at their April term 1841 we the undersigned subscriber have proceeded according to the best of our judgment and to divide and allot to the heirs of John Wright deceased the lands of said decedent according to the will of said testator as represented by the annexed platt Viz Lot No. 1 Beginning at Compton's corner maple stump at A and Beaver Dam Creek thence a dividing line from A to B S 9 E 14 __ poles crossing said creek below the fork of the North East fork of said Creek to a gum and red oak on hill side and Joel Wright's fence, thence along his lines N. 65-1/2 W. at 50 poles crossing said creek 85 poles to a stake and persimmon N. 46-1/2 W. 30 poles to Stones near a branch, N. 25 W. 62 poles to a stake near the top of a ridge on the edge of a field S. 54-1/2 W. 53 poles to a large rock on a branch S 75-1/2 W. 210 poles crossing branch to a stake in the road near a branch thence along Anthony Wrights line N. 13 W. 62 poles to Matthew Wrights corner pointers near the top of a ridge, thence along his line N. 57-1/4 E. at 10 poles crossing a branch and passing his corner on said line and along Overstreets line same course continued 160 poles to a stake thence N 85-1/2 E 68 poles to his corner white on a branch N. 10 W 37 poles to a pine and stake on the main road, thence down said road as it meanders being Compton's line S 68-1/2 E 20-1/2 poles & S 44-1/2 E. 16 poles & S. 22 E. 38 poles & S 76-1/2 E 12 poles to stake and stump on the South edge of said road thence nearly along an old obsolete road N 89-1/2 E 34-3/4 poles to Beaverdam creek, thence down the creek as it meanders S 1- 1/2 W 7 poles & N 74-1/2 6 poles & N 41 E 8 poles, & S 39- 1/2 E 18-3/4 poles to that first Station containing 209 acres & allotted to John Q. A. Wright

Lot No. 2. Beginning at A Comptons corner maple stump & corner to lot No. 1, thence from A to B along the line of lot No 1 S. 9-1/4 E 146 poles crossing the creek just below the fork to a gum and red oak on hill side in Joel Wrights line thence along his line S 65-1/2 E Xing a small branch 52 poles to a red oak in Bowle's line, thence along his line N 35-1/2 E. at 25 poles crossing a branch and thence along Mayse's line same course at 120 poles crossing a branch 124 poles to a pine on a stony point near the main road, thence a dividing lines 80-1/2 W 10 poles in road & along same as it meanders N 68-1/2 W 22 poles across the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek & N 40- 3/4 W. 26 poles & N. 70 W. 26 poles to a stake and stone in the North edge of said road, thence off N. 51 W. 61 poles to a stake at Compton's line, thence along his line _____ white oak in an old road thence S 65-1/2 W 25 poles & S 60-1/2 W 40 poles crossing the main road to the fist station Containing 91 acres and allotted to James O. Wright.

Lot No 3. Beginning at Mayse's corner pine at P corner to lot No. 2 on a stony point near the main road, thence along the line of Lot No 2 S 80-1/2 W 10 poles

in the road near the foot of the hill, thence along said road as it meanders N 68-1/2 W 22 poles crossing the North East fork of Beaverdam creek N 40-3/4 W 26 poles & N. 70 W 26 poles to a stake and rock on the North edge of the road, thence off and along the line of lot No 2 N. 5 W 61 poles to a stake in Compton's line, thence along his line N 65 E 52 poles to his corner white oak, thence S 44 E passing Compton's Corner and along Holliday's line the same course 96 poles to his corner cherry stump and stake on the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek S. 45 E 47-1/2 poles crossing the main road to a red oak stump N 50 E 99 poles xing the main road and a small branch to a hickory, thence along Preston & Co.'s line S 62 E 190 poles to Medley's Corner pointers, thence along his line S 32-1/4 W. 22 poles crossing the main road to a spanish oak S 43 W 42 poles to a stake and pointers on a branch, thence down the branch as it meanders N. 68-1/2 W 40 poles and N. 51 W 36 poles & N. 72 W. 22 poles & N. 33 W. 10 poles & N 64-1/2 W. 16 poles & No. 80 W. 34 poles Claytor's corner, thence along his lines S. 81-1/2 W 14 poles to a red oak S. 27 W. 23- 1/2 poles to pointers, thence along Mayse's line S. 58 W. 36 poles to pointers S. 61 W. 18-1/2 poles to a pine S. 89-1/2 W. 34 poles to white oak sprouts on a small branch thence N 30-1/2 W 50-1/2 poles crossing a branch to the first station. Containing 171 acres and allotted to Robert W. Wright.

The undersigned commissioners in dividing the lands belonging to the estate of John Wright deceased as within described have been compelled, owing to the particular situation of the tract to be divided to compel lot No. 2 to pay to Lot No 1 forty five dollars to make it equal to lot No. 3 which we consider agreeable to our best judgment an average lot there being a sufficiency of other estate out of which this difference can be adjusted without compelling the legatee drawing this lot to pay out any money. Given under our hands this day and date within mentioned.

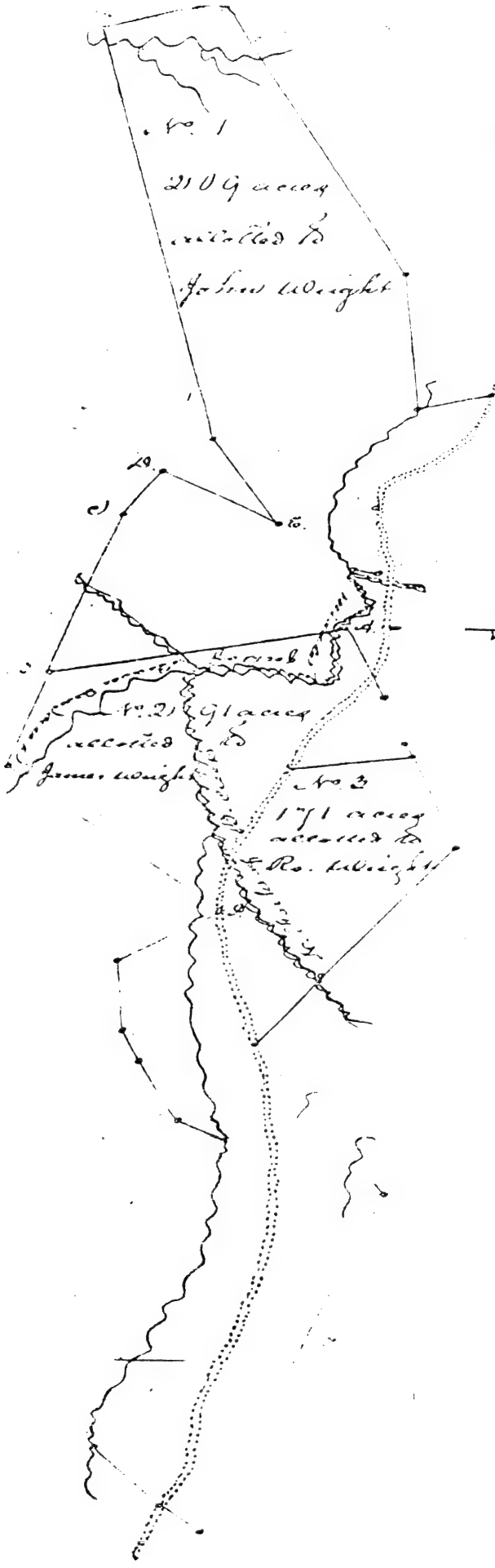
Matthew Pate claims	2 days	Matthew Pate
George Overstreet	2 days	George Overstreet
William Hollady	2 days	William Hollady

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27' day of September 1841. This division and allotment of the land of John Wright deceased amonst the distributees was produced in court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
R. C. Mitchell CBC"

A plat of that division and allotment is provided with the legal description and appears as shown on the following page.

Wright
John's
Division
of Lands



The western portion of W.B. 10/397 has been discussed above in the section on 1803 John Wright. That portion fits in the southeastern corner of the 1767 George Walton Patent Deed and is the same land as that sold by Tommey Wright to a John Wright by Deed 19/279 dated October 22, 1825. It seems likely that this is the parcel described by 1840 John Wright as purchased by him from Ballenger Mays. There is no listing of a Ballenger Mays as grantor or grantee of land in Bedford County. However, Ballenger Mays was the son-in-law of Tommey Wright by his marriage to Polly Wright in 1811. The land of Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 19/279 may have been designated by Tommey Wright as land he intended to give Polly on his death and while Tommey Wright was nominally the named grantor in Deed 19/279, the money actually was paid to Ballenger Mays and his wife Polly. Thus 1840 John Wright might describe the tract as bought of Ballenger Mays while Tommey Wright was the named grantor. In any event the ownership and location of this land has been traced in the section on 1803 John Wright above.

In September 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/244 the commissioners were allowed $2 for their services in dividing and alloting the land of John Wright among his heirs:

> "Division of the lands of John Wright deceased produced in Court & ordered to be recorded and it is ordered that the commissioners each be allowed $2. per day for 2 days services in making said division."

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
M & John Wright	Bedford	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable to Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum Added To Lots on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rents	Name of Town	Value of Tax
			5.00		.07

On December 26, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/238 Joel Wright filed an accounting for the estate for the period April 8, 1840, through December 31, 1842, showing a balance due of $1,397.51 of principal and $77.44 of interest:

"Estate of John Wright deceased
In a/c with Joel Wright Executor Dr

1840				Principal	Interest
April	8	To Cash paid Stephen C. Hurt clerk at sale	1	1.00	00.00
"	23	" Cash paid Samuel West for coffin	2	3.50	
"	"	" Cash paid Smith James a/c	3	1.50	
May	11	" Cash paid Sally Sence a/c	4	3.83	
"	23	" Cash paid Elizabeth Taylor tuition a/c	5	13.26	
June	29	" Cash paid Thomas Atkinson a/c	6	2.00	
1841					
June	29	" Cash paid Doct Mosely medical a/c	7	30.00	
Septr	23	" Cash paid Dr. Jno Claytor a/c	8	4.50	
"	"	" Cash paid tickets	9	8.30	
"	"	" acct Exors for negro clothing furnished makized &c	10	25.83	
"	"	" acct Jno. Wrights portion of Elizabeth Wright's board for 1840	11	45.83	
"	"	" acct Exors a/c for hanging, prizing hauling to Lynchburg, expenses at Lynchburg & for furnishing hogshead for 1550 lbs Tobo & for hauling 336 lbs Tobo to Lynchburg 17.96 deduct ¼ Ro. W. Wright (overseers part) 4.47	12	13.47	
Decr	31	" acct Jno Wright's portion of Elizabeth Wright's board for 1841	13	45.83	
"	"	" 2 pr. negro shoes	14	2.25	
"	"	" com on $802.02 at pr ct		40.10	
"	"	" Balance to credit		560.82	6.00
				$802.02	6.00

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1841					
Jany	1	By this sum in part acct of plantation (house)		25.00	
		" Cash for 1550 lbs tobo at $7.90 pr cwt	122.45		
		" " 366 lbs lugs " 3.75	13.72		
			136.77		
		Deduct ¼ Overseer's part	34.04	102.13	
Aprl	8	" ½ of $678.04 amount sales personal property due this day		339.02	

Novr	19	" ½ of $671.74 acct sales personal property due this day		335.87	
Decr	31	" Int on $300 for 4 months			6.00
				$802.02	6.00
		Dr			
1842		To Cash paid Taxes and tickets	15	9.20	
Aug	16	" Cash paid William Holladay com dividing decedent's land	16	4.00	
Decr	16	" Cash pd Mrs. Rhoda Buford a/c	17	3.00	
"	20	" Cash pd Dr Claytor medical a/c	18	20.22	
"	22	" Cash pd Jno F Sale fee a/c	19	10.00	
Decr	31	" Comn on $930.85 at 5 pr ct		46.94	
"	"	" Balance to credit		1397.51	77.44
				$1490.87	77.44
		Cr			
1842					
Janry	1	By balance		560.02	6.00
1840					
Apl	23	" Cash of William Johnson amt bond & Int		56.00	
May	22	" Cash of Jno Saunders amt bond & Int		102.50	
Octr	25	" Cash of Wm Greenwood bond & Int		82.25	
1841					
Jany	25	" Cash Isaac Nofsinger bond & Int		80.30	
	2	" Cash Benj. Moomow bond		75.00	
Decr	31	" acct Jas Wright & Int		94.40	
"	"	" acct Anthony Evans bond & Int		42.34	
"	"	" acct. James Wright's bond due 1st Jany 1841 for $80		89.60	
"	"	" acct Thornton's hire for 1841 for $75 & Int		79.50	
"	"	" acct Ben's hire for 1841 for $80 & Int		84.80	
"	"	" acct Peter's (hire) for 1841 for $40 & Int		42.40	
"	"	" acct Lucy's hire for 1841 for $31 & Int		32.86	
"	"	" acct Tilda's hire for 1841 for $30 & Int		31.80	
"	"	" acct Dearmore's hire for 1841 for $35 & Int		37.00	
"	"	" Int on $560.02 for 1 year			33.60
"	"	" Int on $240.75 for 2 years			28.84
"	"	" Int on $155.30 for 1 year			9.00
				$1490.87	77.44
1842					
Decr.	31	By balance due estate		$1397.51	77.44

In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford I have proceeded to settle account current of the estate of John Wright deceased with Joel Wright executor as above stated, There are two charges for boarding Mrs. Elizabeth

Wright, the testator's mother to whose support it appears by the testators will, he was bound to contribute the amount is respected by the executor to be the same for which he was bound respectfully submitted

Jno A Wharton

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of December 1842

This account current of the estate of John Wright deceased with Joel Wright his executor was produced in court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And at a Court held for said county the 23rd day of January 1843 no exceptions having been taken to said account the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro C. Mitchell CBC"

The statement in the accounting that:

". . . . There are two charges for boarding Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, the Testator's mother to whose support it appears by the Testator's will he was bound to contribute the amount is respected by the executor to be the same for which he was bound . . . ."

ties the support obligation from the lawsuit in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 1373 to 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and clearly identifies that John Wright as the son of Elizabeth (Pate) Wright.

On December 26, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/241 James Wright filed his accounting for the estate of 1840 John Wright for the period April 2, 1840, through December 31, 1842, showing a balance due of $1,040.18 of principal and $42.76 of interest:

"Estate of John Wright deceased
In a/c with James Wright Executor Dr.

1840				
Aprl	2	To Cash pd Matthew Pate & others appraisers	1	4.00
	25	" Cash paid Susan Stover a/c	2	44.25
Augt	5	" Cash pd Isaac James a/c for tuition	3	1.88
Novr	5	" Cash paid Geo. Person for services in attending to land in Harrison County employed by testator	4	28.75

	19	" Cash pd Shff taxes & tickets	5	14.47	
1841					
June	2	" Cash paid Jane Buford a/c	6	3.24	
"	"	" Cash paid Sally Seuce in full of specific legacy	7	400.00	
Septr	2	" Cash pd Anthony Evans a/c	8	2.04	
Decr	10	" Cash pd Benj. Bowles a/c	9	1.00	
"	25	" Cash pd Daniel Brugh for keeping Lucinda and two children for 1841	10	75.00	
"	31	" Amt of executors a/c for making clothes for negroes, shoes &c	11	13.62	
"	"	" coms on $1043.07 at 5 pr ct		52.15	
"	"	" Balance to credit		403.67	
				$1043.07	

Cr

1841				
Aprl	8	By ½ of $678.04 amt Sales personal property due this day		339.02
June	2	" Amt George Overstreets bond for $87.50 & Int		88.38
Jany	2	By Cash of Jacob Coons bond due testator		130.00
"	"	" Cash of David Gish bond " "		62.50
1840				
May	11	" Cash of John T. Turner bond & Int		40.80
1841				
Jany	1	" amt John T. Turner's bond due this day		40.00
"	"	" Amt John J. Dent's a/c		6.00
"	"	" Amt a/c John Aunsbourg		.50
Novr	19	" ½ of $671.74 amt sales personal property due this day		335.87
				$1043.07

Dr

1842					
Feby	26	To Cash paid Matthew Pate surveyors fee and for acting as commissioner	12	18.78	
"	"	" Cash paid Geo Overstreet 2 days	13	4.00	
"	"	" Cash paid Roland Wheeler a/c	14	8.46	
"	"	" Cash paid Alfred Goldy a/c	15	6.50	
"	"	" Cash pd Ro. J. Thurmon & Co a/c	16	17.06	
"	"	" Cash pd. Same black smith a/c 15th may 1841	16	24.73	
Decr	31	" comm on $754.77 at 5 pr ct		37.73	
"	"	" Balance		1040.18	42.76
				$1157.44	42.76

Cr

1842				
Jany	1	By balance	402.67	
"	"	" Cash received of Ro. J. Thurman & Co 15 May 1841 balance due from them	194.26	
"	13	" Cash of Wm Gish hire of Saml for 1841	70.00	
"	1	" Cash of Jos P. Wright for hire of Green 1841	70.00	
Apl	23	" hire of Frank 1841 to Buce Meador & Int	101.84	
Jan	20	" Cash of David Gish hire of Tom 1841	62.50	
"	"	" hire of Ande 1841	80.00	
"	"	" Cash recd for profits of waggon 1840	48.67	
"	"	" Cash for rent of home plantation for 1841	127.50	
Decr	31	Int on $713.79 for one year		42.76
			$1040.18	42.76

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of the estate of John Wright decd with James Wright one of his executors as above stated the executor paid the sum of $75. for the keeping of Lucinda and her two children for one year Lucinda was unhealthy, as the executor represents, and incapable of doing work and her children were an expense and the attending physician certified that he would hot have kept them for that sum under these circumstances the commissioner allowed the charge, and submit the propriety thereof to the court respectfully submitted

Jn A Wharton

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of December 1842

This account current of the estate of John Wright deceased, with James Wright one of his executors, was produced in Court and ordered to lie till the next court for exceptions. And thereafter at a Court held for said county the 23rd day of January 1843 no exceptions having been taken to said account the Same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
M & John Wright	Bedford	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable to Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum Added To Lots on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rents	Name of Town	Value of Tax
			5.00		.07

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of each lot in the town	Name of Town
M & John Wright	Bedford	fee		

Value of buildings	Value of Lots including buildings	Yearly acct of of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots at the legal rate
		5.00	.01

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple, for life, &c	No. of each lot in the Town	Name of Town
M & John Wright				

Value of buildings	Value of lots including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on lots at the legal rate

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, life, &c.	No. of each Town Lot	Name of the Town
M & John Wright	Bedford	fee		Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax at the legal rate
1 Lot	5.00		.01

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No. of each lot in the Town	Name of the Town
M & John Wright				

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on lots

On about January 5, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright and Robert W. Wright filed a complaint for a sale of certain slaves that they inherited from their father John Wright by reason of the deaths of Robert Hardy, Mary Hardy, Sally B. Hardy, and John Wright:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery Sitting
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> The Bill of Complaint of your orators John Q. A. Wright and Robert W. Wright respectfully represents unto your worships - That Mary Hardy the widow of

Robert Hardy lately departed this life possessed of five slaves which she held as her thirds in her deceased husbands estate that the said slaves cannot be divided in kind amongst those entitled, and that the following persons are entitled to the distributive shares therein to wit - William H. Saunders and Nancy his wife to one share, George Pearson and Polly his wife to another share, Robert Hardy to another share, Joseph Hardy to another share Jonathan Hardy to another share, and your orators, and James C Kasey and Mary L. his wife and James O. Wright to the remaining share: Your orators have been informed but do not certainly know, that the distributive shares to which the above named Saunders and wife and Jonathan Hardy were entitled have been purchased by the above named George Pearson and that Joseph Hardy has purchased the interest of Robert Hardy Jr that Jonathan Hardy resides out of the limits of this state and that James O. Wright is an infant under the age of twenty one years: To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises your orators pray that the said Wm H Saunders and Nancy his wife George Pearson and Polly his wife Jonathan Hardy Robert Hardy Jr Joseph Hardy, James C Kasey and Mary L his wife and James O Wright may be made parties defendant to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof, the adults in their own person and the infant by a Guardian ad litem to be appointed for that purpose, may the said Pearson & Joseph Hardy answer & say whether they have purchased the shares aforesaid and share the evidence of such purchase that your worships will decree that the said slaves and their increase if any may be sold and the proceeds divided among those entitled Grant an order of publication against the absent deft. Jonathan Hardy, appoint a Guardian ad litem for the infant defendants, Grant the process and all such other & further relief as the nature of their case may require and equity and good conscience dictate and as in duty bound &c

Johnson & Burks pq"

On January 5, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against the heirs of Robert Hardy to answer the complaint of John Q. A. Wright and Robert W. Wright for a sale of certain slaves of the estate of Robert Hardy:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County, greeting: We command you to summon William H. Saunders & Nancy his, George Pearson & Polly his wife, Robert Hardy Jr, Joseph Hardy, Jonathan Hardy James O Wright & James C Kasey and Mary L his wife to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth Monday in March next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in said Court by John Q A Wright & Robert W. Wright, and unless they shall appear and answer the bill of the plaintiffs within two months thereafter the same will be taken for

confessed, and the Court decree accordingly. And this he shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, and have then there this Writ Witness John R. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court, the 5th day of January 1848, in the 72nd year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On about January 5, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers George Pearson, Polly Pearson, and Joseph Hardy filed their answer to the complaint of John Q. A. Wright and Robert W. Wright for a sale of certain slaves of the estate of Robert Hardy:

"The joint answer of George Pearson & Polly his wife and Joseph Hardy to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against them & others in the County Court of Bedford by John Q. A. Wright and Robert W. Wright. These Respondents now and at all times saving to themselves the benefit of all proper exceptions to the said Bill and to the many errors therein contained for answer thereto say - That it is true the said Nancy Hardy the widow of Robert Hardy deceased lately departed this life, and that she had a life estate in the five slaves in the Bill mentioned. that she was entitled to a life interest in the said slaves under the will of the said Robert Hardy Decd and not as dower as in the said Bill is untruly alledged - The said Robert Hardy by his will dated the 11th of Decemr. 1827 & admitted to probat in this Court on the 28" of January 1828, gave to his wife for life among other property the following sums viz a man called "black Joe" a woman called "black Esther" and a woman called "yellow Esther" (as will more fully appear by the said will to which your respondents refer as part of this answer - with remainder to his six children Sally B. Wright the wife of John Wright, Jonathan Hardy, Robert Hardy, your respondent Joseph Hardy Nancy Saunders & your respondent Polly - And the said five slaves in the Bill mentioned are the slaves as bequeathed to the said Mary for life with their increase. Your respondents further answering say that the said Nancy B. Wright was the mother of the plaintiffs and died some years after the death of the said Robert Hardy leaving her husband the said John Wright her surviving, and as such surviving husband entitled (as your respondent are advised) to her share in remainder of the said slaves. And the said John Wright some years after the death of his wife also departed this life having first made & published his last will & Testament whereof he appointed James Wright & Joel Wright executors who proved the same & qualified as such executors in this Court as will more fully appear by the said will & probat which is here refered to as part of this answer. Your respondents are advised that the said plaintiffs & James C. Kasey & wife & James O. Wright have not any right to a share of the said slaves in right of their mother the said Sally B. Wright Decd. but that the same belongs to the personal representatives of their father the said John Wright Decd, and that it can only be lawfully recovered by suit in the name of their legal

representatives of the said John or more technically perhapse only in the name of the admrs of the said Sally - in which latter case he would hold it as trustee for the executors of the said John, Your respondents are advised that the plaintiffs have no right to intermeddle with the said slaves in any way or to institute this suit. Your respondents therefore deny that the plaintiffs & the said Kasey & wife & James O Wright are entitled to a share of said slaves as in the said bill is alledged or that this Court has any jurisdiction at their suit or instance to decree the sale & division thereof prayed for by them in their said Bill - Your respondents are advised that if this Court was to make the decree prayed for by the plffs it would be entirly void & of no effect. Your respondents therefore object to this Court's entertaining the said Bill or making any decree in the premises, and rely and insist upon this objection in the same manner as if they had more formally demurred to the said Bill or pleaded to the jurisdiction of the Court. These Respondents relying upon their said Objection & not waiving the same. But if overruled by the Court & they required to answer aver - Then & in that case further answering they say, that your respondents George Pearson & Polly his wife are entitled to one sixth of the said slaves in her right, that your respondent George is entitled to another share as purchaser of his codefendant Jonathan Hardy as will more fully appear by the deed of transfer from the said Jonathan to him herewith exhibited as part of this answer & That he is entitled to the share of the said Saunders & wife or so much thereof as will pay off the debt secured in a certain deed of Trust of record in this Court from said Saunders to ____ trustee for the benifit of Henry W. Myless James F Johnson & others which has been transfered & assigned to your respondent which will more fully appear by the said deed here refered to as part of this answer. And your respondent Joseph is entitled to one share as legatee of said Robert Hardy Decd. and to another share in said slaves as purchaser from his codefendant Robert Hardy as will more fully appear by the deed of said Robert to your respondent herewith exhibited as part of this answer. And if this Court can lawfully make a decree in this cause at the suit of the plffs (which these defendants deny), then your Respondents insist that the several shares aforesaid bought by & assigned & transferred to them respectively as aforesaid be decreed to them respectively. And having answered denying all fraud &c Your respondents pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable Cost in this behalf unjustly expended and as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Wingfield & Campbell for
Defendants"

On about March 28, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James Wright and Joel Wright, as administrators of the estate of John Wright, filed a complaint for a sale of certain slaves that John Wright inherited from Robert

Hardy after the death of his wife Mary Hardy by reason of John's marriage to Sally B. Hardy:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery Sitting
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> The Bill of Complaint of Your Orators James Wright and Joel Wright Executors of John Wright deceased respectfully represents - That many years ago Robert Hardy the Elder departed this life after having made and published his last will Testament - in which he gave among other things to his widow Mary for life who survived him three slaves to wit a Man Called "black Joe" a woman called "black Esther" and a woman called "yellow Esther" (as will more fully appear by said will which is referred to as part of this bill) with remainder to his six children Sally B. Wright wife of John Wright, Jonathan Hardy, Robert Hardy, Joseph Hardy, Nancy Saunders now wife of William Saunders and Polly now wife of George Pearson - Your Orators further represent that after the death of the said Robert Hardy the elder Sally B Wright the wife of Your Orators Testator departed this life her husband surviving her: by reason whereof and by operation of law your orators are advised that the estate in remainder which had been devised to the said Sally B became vested in her husband Your Orators Testator: your orators further represent that after the death of the said Sally B the said John your Orators Testator departed this life after having first made and published his last will and testament in which he appointed your Orators Lis Executors who have duly qualified as such and taken out letters testamentary on his estate: your orators further represent that the said Mary the widow of Robert Hardy deceased has lately departed this life, and that the slaves she held for life together with their increase since the death of the said Robert are five in number - and the said slaves ought now to be distributed among those entitled under the will of the said Robert - that the said slaves cannot be divided in kind, and that the following persons are entitled to the distributive shares therein to wit your Orator's as the representatives of the said John Wright to one share, the said George Pearson and Polley his wife to one share in right of the said Polley - the said Pearson to two other shares by virtue of transfer and assignment from Jonathan Hardy, and by virtue of a transfer of the benefit of a trust deed made by said Saunders to G. A. Wingfield Trustee for the benefit of Sundry creditors conveying his interest in the said slaves, and the said Joseph Hardy is entited to two shares - one in his own right and one as purchaser of Robert Hardy.
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> To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises your Orators pray that the Said George Pearson and Polly his wife, Robert Hardy, William H. Saunders and Nancy his wife, Joseph Hardy, and Jonathan Hardy may be made parties defendant to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof on oath, pray the said Pearson and Joseph Hardy answer and say whether they are entitled to the shares as hereinbefore set forth, and exhibit the evidence of the

transfers assignments and purchase aforesaid. May it please your worships to decree that the said slaves may be sold and the proceeds thereof distributed among those entitled. Grant to your Orators the Commonwealth writ of Subpoena commanding &c and all such other and further relief as the nature of their case may require and equity dictate, and as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Johnson & Burks pq."

Apparently, the original complaint was refiled in the name of the estate of 1840 John Wright, rather than in the names of his heirs.

On about March 28, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers George Pearson, Polly Pearson, William H. Saunders, Nancy Saunders, and Joseph Hardy filed their answer to the complaint of James Wright and Joel Wright for a sale of the Hardy estate slaves:

"The Joint Answer of George Pearson & Polly his wife, William H. Saunders & Nancy his Wife and Joseph Hardy to a Bill of complaint exhibited against them & others in the County Court of Bedford by James Wright & Joel Wright Executors of of John Wright decd. - These Respondents saving to themselves the benefit of all proper exceptions to the said Bill for answer thereto say - It is true as the Plffs allege that many years ago Robert Hardy the Elder, departed this life after having made & published his last Will & Testament, in which he made the disposition of the three Slaves "black Joe" "black Esther" & "Yellow Esther" which the said Plffs in their Bill specifically set forth - It is also true that the Testator of the said Plffs survivied his said Wife Sally B. Wright whereby her Estate in remainder in the said slaves & their increase became vested in him and it is further true that the said John Wright afterwards departed this life having first made and published his last Will & Testament wherein he appointed the said Plffs his Exors, who your Respondents presume have duly qualified as such - Your Respondents further answering say it is true that the said Mary the Widow of the said Robert Hardy dcd has lately departed this life, and that the said slaves which she held for life with their increase now number five, which your Respondents are anxious to have distributed among those entitled under the Will of the said Robert Hardy deceased or their assigns, and inasmuch as the same cannot be divided in kind your Respondents have no objection to a sale of them, and a division & distribution among those entitled thereto of the money arising from the said sale - Your Respondents further answering say, that your Respondents George Pearson & Polly his Wife are entitled to one sixth part of the said slaves in right of the said Polly, that your Respondent George is entitled to another share as Purchaser of his CoDefdt Jonathan Hardy as will more fully appear by the deed of Transfers from the said Jonathan to him herewith

exhibited and prayed to be taken as part of this Answer, and that he is entitled to the Share of the said Wm H. Saunders & Nancy his wife or so much thereof as will pay off the debts secured in a certain Deed of Trust of record in the Clerks Office of this County from said Saunders to G. A. Wingfield Trustee for the benefit of sundry Creditors which said Deed of Trust has been transferred & assigned to your respondent George which will more fully appear by the said Deed & assignment here referred to as part of this answer - And your respondent Joseph to one share as Legatee of said Robert Hardy Decd. and to another share in said Slaves as Purchaser from his codefendant Robert Hardy as will more fully appear by the Deed of said Roberts to your Respondent herewith exhibited as part of this answer - And your Respondents Wm H. Saunders & Nancy his wife are entitled to anything which may remain over & above of the share conveyed in the Deed of Trust aforesaid after the payment of the debts secured thereby & all lawful interest which shall have accrued thereon, together with the costs & charges incident to the making, recording & execution of the same - And your Respondents insist that the several shares aforesaid bought by and assigned & transferred to them respectively as herein before set forth be decreed to them respectively, and having fully answered denying all fraud &c. Your Respondents pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf expended and so in duty bound they will ever pray &c.

Wingfield & Campbell for
Defendants"

On March 28, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the court ordered a sale of the slaves of the Hardy estate:

"Bedford County Court March 1848

James Wright and Joel Wright Executors of John Wright deceased Plaintiffs
against
George Pearson and Polly his wife, Robert Hardy, William H Saunders and Nancy his wife, Joseph Hardy, & Jonathan Hardy Defendants
In Chancery

This day this Cause came on by consent to be heard on the bill of the plaintiffs and the answer of the Defendants George Pearson and Polly his wife and William H Saunders and Nancy his wife and Joseph Hardy the replication thereto and was argued by Counsel, On Consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the slaves in the bill and proceedings mentioned cannot be divided in kind doth adjudge order and decree that William H Pate who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do sell the said slaves to the highest bidder at public auction on a credit of six months after having advertised the time and place of sale at the most public places in the neighbourhood of the place of

sale for at least two weeks and for the same length of time in some newspaper published in the town of Lynchburg taking bonds with good personal security from the purchasers and that he report his proceedings to this Court in order to a final decree.

A Copy Teste
Jno R Steptoe Clk"

The same ordered was also recorded in March 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/35:

"Wright's Executors vs Pearson &c Chy. This day this cause came on by Counsell to be heard on the bill of the Plaintiffs the answer of the Defendants George Pearson and Polly his wife and William H Saunders and Nancy his wife and Joseph Hardy the replications thereto and was argued by Counsel - On consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the slaves in the bill and proceedings mentioned cannot be divided in kind, doth adjudge order and decree that William H Pate who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do sell the said slaves to the highest bidder at public auction on a credit of six months after having advertised the time and place of sale at the most public places in the neighbourhood of the place of sale for at least two weeks and for the same length of time in some newspaper published in the town of Lynchburg, taking bonds with good personal security from the purchasers, and that he repot his proceedings to this Court in order to a final decree"

On about April 22, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers William H. Pate reported back to the court regarding the sale of the slaves of the Hardy estate:

"In pursuance of a decree of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at its March term 1848, in the case of Wrights Executors vs Pearson &c in Chancery & to me directed. Your Commissioner, after having first advertised the time & place of sale, agreeably to said decree, has proceeded to sue at cross Roads in Bedford County on the 22d day of April 1848 - to the highest bidder at public auction on a credit of six months taking bond with good personal security, the following named slaves in the bill & proceedings mentioned - Viz.

A negro Girl Jenny to Joseph Hardy at	$584.00
A negro Man Joe to Ditto at	270.00
A negro Girl Aider to George Pearson at	510.00
A negro Man Dick to Ditto at	313.00
A negro woman (verry old), Esther to William Gish at	1.00
	$1678.00

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings of Your Commissioners & is respectfully submitted

William H Pate Comr."

In May 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/59 the court approved the report of the commissioner and appointed William H. Pate as commissioner to collect the proceeds of sale of the slaves and report back to court:

"Wrights Exors. vs Pearson &c. Chy. Report of Commissioner filed, and this day this cause came on to be heard upon the papers formerly read and the report aforesaid to which report there is no exception and was argued by counsel upon consideration whereof the Court approving said report doth confirm the same, and doth adjudge, order and decree that William H. Pate the commissioner appointed to sell the slaves in the bill and proceedings mentioned, do withdraw the bonds taken for the purchase money of said slaves and collect the same when due and make report thereof to Court in order to a final decree."

On June 27, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/58 James Wright filed his accounting for the estate of 1840 John Wright for the period January 1, 1843, through April 1, 1848, showing a balance due of $1,243.69:

"The Estate of John Wright Dec.
In a/c with James Wright Exor

1848	Dr.				
Apl 1	To cash paid expenses on business of the estate		1	2.00	
"	" " Cash paid tickets		2	4.50	
"	" " Cash paid A. P. Eskridge a/c		3	5.00	
"	" " 1/2 of $311.25 amt, compromise to be paid to Wm McGeorge & wife		4	155.62	
"	" " Balance			873.06	370.63
				1040.18	370.63
1843	Cr.				
Jany 1	By Balance due on former settlement			1040.18	42.76
1848					
Apl 1	" Int. on $1040.18 from Jany 1843				327.87
				1040.18	370.63
1848	Cr.				
Apl 1	By Balance	Prin.		873.06	370.63
					370.63
					1243.69

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account current of the estate of John Wright dec, with James Wright admr as above

Jn. A. Wharton C

At a court held for Bedford County June 27" 1848

This account current of the estate of John Wright Deceased with James Wright his Exor. was produced in court and ordered to lie till next Court for exceptions. And at a court held for said County July 24" 1848 - no exceptions having been taken hereto, the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple for life &c	Number of each lot in the town	Name of Town
M & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1 do	Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of Tax on lots	_____
	5.00		.01	unimproved

On March 27, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the court ordered a division of the proceeds of the sale of the slaves of the Hardy estate among the heirs of that estate:

"Wright's Exors)
v) In Chancery
Pearson &c)

This day this cause came on to be heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of the Commissioner appointed to sell the slaves in the Bill & proceedings mentioned by a Decretal order pronounced in this cause on the

28th day of March 1828 & was argued by Counsel - upon consideration whereof the Court approving the said Report doth Confirm the same - And the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that the same Commissioner be & he is hereby appointed to collect the bonds given for the purchase money of the said slaves, and when collected out of the moneys arising therefrom that he do first pay the costs of this suit and his commissions and the costs attending the sale and the residue thereof, that he then divide into six equal parts, are whereof he shall pay to the Complainants two, to the said George Pearson, (to wit; one, in right of his wife Polly & the other as assignee for Jonathan Hardy), two, to the said Joseph Hardy (to wit; one in his own right & the other as Assignee of Robert Hardy) and out of the remaining share that he do pay to Gustavus A. Wingfield the Trustee in the Deed of Trust in the Bill & proceedings mentioned the debts secured in the said Decd, or such thereof as may be unpaid, with all interest lawfully due thereon, and the balance if any shall pay to the said Wm H. Saunders in right of his wife Nancy - and leave is given to the parties to apply to the Court for any future order which may be necessary & proper about the execution of this Decree"

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M & John Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple, for life &c	Number of each lot in the town	Name of Town
M & John Wright	Bedford	fee	1 do	Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of tax on lots at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year
	5.00		.01	

On September 21, 1851, in Bounty Land Warrant #36647-80-50 James Wright, the nephew of 1840 John Wright, filed an affidavit for the purpose of obtaining bounty land for 1840 John Wright's minor child James O. Wright by reason of the military service of 1840 John in the War of 1812:

"Virginia Bedford County to wit

On this 20th day of September 1851 personly appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid James Wright aged 57 years who being sworn according to law declares that the within named John Wright deceased was his uncle. That he the said James Wright and his uncle, John Wright volunteered at what was called Gills old Field in Bedford County Virginia to serve as for an indefinate term under Captain Walter Otey who commanded the company of Cavalry, that they marched from Bedford into service about the last of August 1814 and served as was then called as videbts marching and reconnoitering the section from Richmond to Hampton Tappahannock Yorktown and Williamsburg __. They were commanded by one Major Woodford, they marched from the 10th Regiment Bedford and he learns from other sources that the company stood as being attached to the 4th Brigade and 1st Division attached to the 4th Brigade. So it is he knows positively that the said John Wright served faithfully and was honourably discharged about the 22nd of February 1815 having been in service about six months. He knows that the said John Wright died about the 20th of March 1840 leaving no widow that survives him and that the only minor child of the said John Wright deseased is the said James O. Wright who is now under twenty one years of age is now and was on the 28th September 1850, the only minor child under the age of twenty one years of the said John Wright deceased, which said minor child James O. Wright was born on the 19th day of October 1830. He makes these declarations for the purpose that his said ward James O. Wright may receive the benefit and obtain the Bounty land to which the the said James O. Wright as the only minor child of John Wright deceased, may be entitled to under the act of the 28th September 1850. And he still further states that he has no reason to believe that the said John Wright deceased, is his minor child James O. Wright the foresaid claimant has ever before received or is now entitled to receive any Bounty Land under any previous act of Congress hearbefore passed.

John Q. A. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hearby certify that being well acquainted with the said John Wright in his life time and with the said John Q. A. Wright and his ward James O. Wright, I have every reason to believe every thing stated in this declaration to be true. Given under my hand and seal the day and year within written

Jno. Clayton J.P."

That application contained the further declaration of John Q. A. Wright dated September 20, 1851, in support of the claim:

"126 299
John Wright dec

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

On this 20th day of September 1851 personly appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county and State aforesaid John Q. A. Wright aged 27 years who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the Guardian of James O. Wright to the Only minor child of John Wright, deceased, who was a soldier in the company or troop of cavalry commanded by Capt. Walter Otey (from the 10th Regiment Virginia militia then commanded by Col. William Dickerson) that the said John Wright, deceased, (did from information to be relied on) Volunteer in Bedford County, Virginia to serve for an indefinate term, on or about the last of August 1814 in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United Sates on the 18th day of June 1812, and he the said John Wright did continue in actual service in the war aforesaid till about the 22nd of February 1815 having served a six month tour of duty, and was honourably discharged at Richmond on or about that time, as he confidently believes will appear by referance to the original muster rolls of said company, which he learns was in service attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division attached to the 4th Brigade and under the command of one Major Woodford. The original Certificate of Dicharge being lost He further states that the said John Wright died on or about the 20th day of March 1840 leaving no Widow, and that the above named James O. Wright having volunteered and served with the said John Wright deceased and resided near him for a life time nearly he knows positively the statements here stated of his own Knowledge to be true.

James Wright

Sworn to and subscribed by the said James Wright the day and year above written and having known the said James Wright for many years living near him I fully beleive every thing that he has stated in the above certificate to be true. Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Jno. Claytor J.P.

State of Virginia, Bedford County Set.,

I John R Steptoe Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that on the 28 day of February 1848, John Q. A. Wright was by the said Court appointed guardian of James O. Wright orphan of John Wright deceased, and that he is now the acting guardian of the said James O. Wright. And I do further certify that John Claytor who has signed the preceding certificates is a Justice of

the peace for the said County of Bedford, and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st September 1851.

Jno. R. Steptoe Clk.

Send the warrant to Chamblissburg Post Office Bedford County Va.

S. M. Shumaker"

Our Kin incorrectly listed 1840 John Wright as married to Mary Hunter in 1789, but this was the second marriage of 1810 John Wright of Bedford County. The corrections of Our Kin noted this error and that 1840 John Wright married Sally B. Hardy and had children Robert W. Wright, John Q. A. Wright, James A. Wright, and Mary S. Wright.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and Sally (Hardy) Wright were the following:

1) Robert W. S. Wright, born about 1822 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) John Quincy Adams Wright, born about 1824 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Mary L. (Wright) Kasey, born about 1827 or 1828 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) James O. Wright, born on October 19, 1830, at Bedford County, Virginia.

a. Robert W. S. Wright, His Wife Lenna (Hewitt) Wright, And His Descendants

Robert W. S. Wright was a son of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and Sally (Hardy) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3])

The will of 1840 John Wright dated August 24, 1839, and probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204 listed Robert W. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Robert W. Wright my two Boys, Ben and Sam, also my boy Marshal, and my Girl Tilda, also one bay colt now known as his colt, ..."

In July 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/100 Joel Wright was appointed guardian for Robert W. Wright and John Q. A. Wright, orphan children of John Wright:

"Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Guardian of Robert W. Wright & John Q. A. Wright orphans of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with James Wright his Security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $7,000: conditioned according to law."

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robt. W.(?) Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving The Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
	Robt. W.(?) Wright	1		1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.12½

On May 24, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Robert W. Wright was awarded $3.60 for conveying a prisoner to the county jail:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia
To Robert W. Wright Dr.
1840
Dec. To 2 days service acting as guard in conveying Alexander R. Smith charged with felony from a magistrate to the Jail of Bedford County 2.08
" Travelling 19 miles going to Jail and the same returning at 4c 1.52
3.60

Bedford County to Wit

This day Robert W. Wright made oath before me a Justice of the peace that the above account is correct. Given under my hand this 24" day May 1841.

Reaves S. Scruggs"

In June 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/213 Robert W. Wright was awarded $3.60 from the Commonwealth:

"Robert W. Wright produced an account against the Same [Commonwealth] of $3.60 the Same."

The Division and Allotment of 1840 John Wright's land dated August 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/397 allocated 171 acres of land to Robert W. Wright:

"August the 8th 1841. In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at their April term 1841 we the undersigned subscriber have proceeded according to the best of our judgment and to divide and allot to the heirs of John Wright deceased the lands of said decedent according to the will of said testator as represented by the annexed platt Viz . . . .

Lot No 3. Beginning at Mayse's corner pine at P corner to lot No. 2 on a stony point near the main road, thence along the line of Lot No 2 S 80-1/2 W 10 poles in the road near the foot of the hill, thence along said road as it meanders N 68-1/2 W 22 poles crossing the North East fork of Beaverdam creek N 40-3/4 W 26 poles & N. 70 W 26 poles to a stake and rock on the North edge of the road, thence off and along the line of lot No 2 N. 5 W 61 poles to a stake in Compton's line, thence along his line N 65 E 52 poles to his corner white oak, thence S 44 E passing Compton's Corner and along Holliday's line the same course 96 poles to his corner cherry stump and stake on the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek S. 45 E 47-1/2 poles crossing the main road to a red oak stump N 50 E 99 poles xing the main road and a small branch to a hickory, thence along Preston & Co.'s line S 62 E 190 poles to Medley's Corner pointers, thence along his line S 32-1/4 W. 22 poles crossing the main road to a spanish oak S 43 W 42 poles to a stake and pointers on a branch, thence down the branch as it meanders N. 68-1/2 W 40 poles and N. 51 W 36 poles & N. 72 W. 22 poles & N. 33 W. 10 poles & N 64-1/2 W. 16 poles & No. 80 W. 34 poles Claytor's corner, thence along his lines S. 81-1/2 W 14 poles to a red oak S. 27 W. 23- 1/2 poles to pointers, thence along Mayse's line S. 58 W. 36 poles to pointers S. 61 W. 18-1/2 poles to a pine S. 89-1/2 W. 34 poles to white oak sprouts on a small branch thence N 30-1/2 W 50-1/2 poles crossing a branch to the first station. Containing 171 acres and allotted to Robert W. Wright."

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Robert W. Wright		171	On the same [Bever Dam Cr]

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
15 SW	8.00		1368.00	1.70	of Do [John Wrights Est]

This record reflects the allocation of 171 acres of land from the estate of 1840 John Wright.

In December 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/86 the commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Joel Wright and James Wright as guardians of Robert W. Wright and the other children of John Wright:

> "Ordered that John A. Wharton a Commissioner of this Court, state and settle the Guardian Account of Joel Wright and James Wright with their wards Robert W. John Q. A., Mary, and James O. Wright, and make report to Court."

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Robert W. Wright		171	On the Same [Bever Dam Cr]

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
				2.06	

On November 15, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/29 Robert W. Wright sold 171 acres of land to Joseph W. Mayse:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three between Robert Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph W. Mayse of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred and eighty nine dollars and twenty cents good and lawfull money of the United States to him in hand paid by the said Joseph W Mayse, the receipt whereof the said Robert Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said Joseph W. Mayse his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on both sides of the north fork of Beaverdam creek Containing one hundred and seventy one acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a corner pine of Clarks and James Wrights on the south side of the main road on the side of a stony hill, thence with the lines of James Wrights lott or tract S 80-1/2 W. 10 poles into said road, thence along the same as it meanders N. 68-1/2 W. 22 poles crossing said north fork of Beaverdam creek and N. 40-3/4 W. 26 poles and N. 70 W. 26 poles to a stake and stones on the north edge of said road, thence leaving said road and continuing the lines of said James Wright N. 5 W. 61 poles to a stake in Cumpton's line thence along his lines N. 65 E. 52 poles to a white oak thence S. 44 E. passing said Cumpton's corner and along Hollady's lines 96 poles to a stake formerly a cherry on the south side of the creek, thence S. 45 E. 47-1/2 poles crossing the road to a red oak stump N. 50 E. 99 poles crossing said road and a small branch to said Holladys and Preston & Co's corner hickory thence along said Preston & Co's line S. 62 E. 190 poles to pointers corner to Medly's tract, thence along his lines S. 32-1/4 W. 22 poles crossing the road to a spanish oak on another road near the fork. Thence S. 43 W. 42 poles to a branch where the road crosses thence down the branch as it meanders N. 68-1/2 W. 40 poles and N. 51 W. 36 poles and N. 72 W. 22 poles and N. 33 W. 10 poles and N. 64-1/2 W. 16 poles and N. 80 W 34 poles to Claytor's corner on the South side said branch thence along his lines S. 81-1/2 W. 14 poles to a red oak S. 27 W. 23-1/2 poles to pointers thence along Clarks lines S 58 W 36 poles to pointers S 61 W 18-1/2 poles to a pine S. 89-1/2 W. 34 poles to white oak sprouts on a branch N. 30-1/2 W. 52-1/2 poles crossing branch to the first station. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land together with all and Singular the apurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining herein before mentioned unto him the said Joseph W. Mays his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Robert Wright for himself and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with all and singular the premises and apurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joseph W Mayse his and assigns free from the claim or claims of the heirs and of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall, will and do warrant and forever

defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Robert Wright hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of

Robt. W. Wright

Bedford County to Witt:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Robert Wright a party to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate, bearing date on the 15th day of November 1843 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of November 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of February 1844

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Robert W. Wright to Joseph W. Mayse was produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.BC."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following household on March 20:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
Mch 20	Robert W. Wright	1		1	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit
		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents		
		.12½(?)		

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Robert W. Wright	Bedford	fee	171	On the same [Beaveredam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	___	Explanations of altera-tions during the preceding especially from whom transferred
16 SW	8.00		1368.00	1.71	

The marriage bond of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna Hewitt, daughter of John deceased, was dated on December 11, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of Jesse L. Hopkins and Cornelius Pate as surety and the marriage on December 11, 1844:

"Mr Robert C Mitchell

Dear Sir

you will Please Let Robert Wright have licence to marry Leanna D Hewitt as I have no Objection to the Marriage of the parties an Obliege me

Nobr 29th 1844 Jesse L. Hopkins

Know all men by these Presents - That we, Robert W. S. Wright and Cornelius Pate are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 11th day of December 1844.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Robert W. S. Wright and Leanna D. Hewitt daughter of the late John Hewitt Decd Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c, Ro W S Wright
in presence of Cornelius Pate
R. D. Buford

December 11th 1844 Robert W S Wright and Leanna D. Hewitt daughter of the late John Hewitt Deceased of Bedford County Va

. . . .

Blassingham H. Johnson"

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W. Wright		2	2	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.09

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W. Wright	1	1	2	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
1						

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.09

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W Wright	1	1	2	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
		1	.09

On February 23, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/381 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Robert Wright:

"Robert Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright Guardian Dr

1843		
Febry 1	For board from 11 April 1840 to 18 Oct 1841 18 months including washing mending &c $4-1/2 per month	81.00

" "	"	Cash paid Jas. T Grigsby tuition	5.00
" "	"	Cash paid taxes	.69
" "	"	Cash advanced when going to the West	25.00
" "	"	Cash paid Jane Buford for making pantaloons & vest	1.00
" "	"	Cash advanced to you in Missouri	10.44
" "	"	Cash paid taxes for 1842	2.45
March 1	"	Cash	20.00
" 15	"	Cash and postage	50.50
" "	"	Cash paid Joel Richards a/c	.25
April 12	"	Cash & postage	30.50
July 5	"	Cash sent to you at Point Pleasant	30.00
July 27	"	One bay filly	65.00
Aug 7	"	Cash	30.00
" "	"	Amount you purchase of hogs at sale & Int.	16.63
Sept 18	"	Cash	3.00
" "	"	Board of Ben from 26 Dec to 15 Febry while sick 5	4.00
1844			
Feby 29	"	Board from 1 Aug to date	30.00
" "	"	Commission on $804.09 at 5 p.	40.20
" "	"	Cash paid Commissioner for settling a/c	.75
" "	"	Balance	357.68
			804.09

1843 Cr.

Jany 1	By one half $1397.57 pr & $77.44 Int ballance due on Joel Wright's admr. a/c	737.47
" "	" Rent of plantation for 1842	66.62
		804.09

1844

March 1	By Ballance due Robert W Wright	357.68
	Dedt. 1/4 of $162.17 (mistake on)	40.54
		317.14

1844

Jany 1	For one bond on W Gish		1	60.00
" "	" " " " Abjah Douglass		2	25.00
" "	" " " " Jas Mayse		3	55.00
Aug 1 "	Board and washing from 1st March at $4-1/2		4	
" 12 "	1 Cow and Calf			15.00
" "	" 5 Bushels oats	25		1.25
Janu 8	" Boarding Saml & Joseph Ridgway 8 days in harvest			2.00
Dec 31	" Com on $295 at 5 pr ct.			14.75
" "	" Bal			417.49
				612.99

1844 Cr

Febry 29	By Balance	517.14

" "	" Hire of Sam 1843	60.00
" "	" " Matilda 1843	25.00
" "	" Rent of plantation 1843	55.00
Dec 31	" Hire of Ben 15 Febry 1843	55.00
" "	" Hire of Matilda 1844	25.00
" "	" Hire of Ben	60.00
" "	" Int 317.14 from 1 March	15.85
		612.99
1845	Dr	
Jany 11	To your Due bill for pork	6.60
	Int 1 year	.38
"	" Amt note due 1 Jany 1845	20.14
" "	" Com on $55	2.75
	Bal.	466.91
	Court fee	.75
		497.53
1845	Cr	
	Bal due	417.49
Dec 31	" Hire of Ben 1845	55.00
" "	" Int Int. on $417.49 for one year	25.04
		497.53
1846		
March 1	By Balance due Robert Wright	466.91

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his Guardian as above

Jn A Wharton

At a court held for Bedford County February 23rd 1847

This Guardian account of Joel Wright guardian of Robert W Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And at a Court held for said County 25 March 1847 no exceptions having been taken the same was ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

This record indicates that Robert W. S. Wright was in Missouri in February 1843, presumably on a trip.

On November 26, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/522 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Robert Wright:

"Robert Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright guard. Dr.

		Prin	Int
1847			
March 1	To Chash pd. court for settling this a/c		1.00
" "	" Com. on $60. & $28.01 at 5 pr ct.	3.00	1.40
" "	" Balance	523.91	25.61
		526.91	28.01
1846	Cr		
March 1	By Bal. due on former settlement	466.91	
Ded 31	" hire of Ben 1846	60.00	
1847	March 1 " Int. on $466.91 for one year		28.01
		526.91	28.01
1847			
March 1	By Bal. due Robt. Wright	523.91	25.61

In pursuance of an order of Bedford County Court, I have settled the account current of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his guardian as above

Jn A Wharton

At a Court held for Bedford County November 26 1847

This guardian account of Joel Wright with Robert Wright his ward, was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And afterwards at a court held for Bedford County Decembr 27 1847 no exceptions having been taken thereto, the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W. Wright	1	2	2	2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1					

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
		1	.09

On June 27, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/57 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Robert Wright:

"Robert Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright Guardian

1847			Dr.		
		To cash paid Clerk's tickets			2.87
1848					
Apl	1	" Your portion of Bal due on exor's a/c			5.50
"	"	" Com on $60 & $31.33		3.00	1.56
		" Bal.		580.91	47.47
				583.91	56.94

1847		Cr.			
Mar 1	By Bal.				
				523.91	25.61
Dec 30	" Hire of Ben			60.00	
1848					
March 1	" Int on $523.91			_____	31.33
				583.91	56.94
1848		Dr.			
Apl 1	To this sum on a/c of Filly			56.25	
	" Court			1.00	
" "	" Bal.			536.16	47.47
				593.41	47.47
1848		Cr.			
Apl 1	By Bal.				
				580.91	47.47
" "	" J Q A Wright			12.50	_____
				593.41	47.47
1848		Cr.			
Apl 1	By Bal		Pr.	536.16	
			Int.	47.47	
	Bal due Robt. Wright			$583.63	

In Obedience to an order of Bedford County Court, I have settled the account of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his guardian

Jn. A. Wharten C

At a Court held for Bedford County June 27" 1848

This account of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his guardian, was produced in Court and ordered to lie till next court for exceptions.

And at a Court held for said County July the 24" 1848 - no exceptions having been taken hereto, said account was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

On October 30, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/129 Robert W. Wright purchased 239-1/2 acres of land from James W. and Elizabeth Rucker:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30" day of October in the yeare of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty eight - Between James W Rucker and Elizabeth Rucker his wife of the first parte and Robert Wright of the second part, all of the

county of Bedford and state of Virginia Witnesseth, that the said James W Rucker and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars current money to them in hand paid by the said Robert W Wright the recept whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold aliened in fee of and this day confirmed, and by these presents do bargain, sell alien in fee of and confirm unto him the said Robert W Wright his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcels of land lying in the County of Bedford containing two hundred thirty nine and a half acres adjoining the lands of Isaac Preston Wm Hudnall James M Carter, Moses Fuqua, and Mrs. Polly Goggin. It being the same on which the said Rucker now lives, and composed of two tracts or lots of land which he purchassed of Stephen Goggin Jr, one lot of which the said Goggin purchased of Edwin Matthews, and the other was assigned to him in the division of the real estate of Pleasant M Goggin Decd, the courses and distance of each lot will fully appear by refference to the division of the real estate of Pleasant M. Goggin decd, and assigned to Emily Mathews and the other to the said Stephen Goggin Jr. which are of record in the clerks office of the County Court of Bedford, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any thing appertaining. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land bounded and containing two hundred thirty nine and a half acres as aforesaid be the same more or less, unto him the said Robert W Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the said James W Rucker and Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators doth warrant and forever defend the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and premises unto him the said Robert W Wright his heirs and assigns to be free from the claim or claims of them the aforesaid James Ward Elizabeth either of their heirs and to be forever free from the right title claim or demands of all and every person whomsoever.

In witness whereof the said James W Rucker and Elizabeth Rucker his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this day and year above written

Signed sealed & acknowl-
edged in the presence of

James W Rucker
Elizabeth Rucker

Bedford County to Wit

We Lodowick McDaniel and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that James W Rucker party to a certain deed for the purpose of conveying real estate bearing date on the 30' day of October 1848 and hearunto annexed personally appeared before me in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify this his said acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford

in order said deed may be recorded, Given under our hands and seals this 8" day of November 1847.

L McDaniel
William Mead

Bedford County to Wit

We Lodowick McDaniel and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid do heareby certify that Elizabeth Rucker the wife of James W Rucker parties to a certain deed for the purpose of conveying real estate bearing date on the 30" day of October 1848 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Rucker acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 8" day of November 1848.

L. McDaniel
William Mead

Bedford County Court November the 27" 1848

This deed from James W Rucker & wife to Robert W Wright conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe"

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W Wright	1	2	2	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1					

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.19

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Robert Wright	Bedford	fee	239½	On S. fork of Little Otter

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
5 SW	4.00		958.00	.96	from James W. Rucker

This record reflects the purchase of 239-1/2 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 34/129.

On July 23, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/277 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Robert Wright:

"Robert Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright guardian

1848	Dr		
May 1	To Cash	1	25.00
July 15	" Cash	2	100.00
" 25	" Cash pd yr part of Mrs Bailey's exon v Jno Wright's estate	3	59.66
Sept 4	" Cash	4	230.00
" 12	" Cash	5	60.00
Nov 8	" Cash	6	123.70
Dec 31	" Cash paid ticket	7	1.37
" "	" 1 Sack salt	8	2.25
" "	" Com. fee		.50
" "	" Bal		1.50
			603.98
1848	Cr		
Apl 1	By Balance due on former settlement		583.63
" "	" Cash of M Pate		3.06
" "	" Cash of Ann Bailey		2.56
Dec 31	" Int on $583.63 from 1 Apl. to date		14.73
			603.98
1849	Cr		
Jany 1	By Balance due Robt Wright		1.50

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his guardian as above

J. A Wharton C.

At a Court held for Bedford County July 23d 1849

This account of Robert Wright with Joel Wright his guardian was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions - and afterwards to Wit. At a Court held for Bedford County August 28" 1849 - no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert W. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Robert W. Wright	1		2	2	3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax
	1					

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
	1.19

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Robert Wright	Bedford	fee	239½	S. fork of Little Otter

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
65 SW	4.00		958.00	.96	from James W. Rucker 1849

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed a Robert W. Right with the following household on August 24, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Robert W. Right	28	M		Farmer	$1,500
Leannor D. Right	29	F			
Edward T. Right	5	M			
Ellen J. Right	3	F			
Betty Right	1	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This entry places Robert Wright's birth date in approximately 1822 and Leannor's in approximately 1821. Since 1840 John Wright resided in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of Robert was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The birth record of Gairy Wright was dated in February 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Gairy Wright
Date of Birth:	February 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Robt W. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Leanor
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Ann H. Wright was dated on February 3, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Ann H. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 3, 1858
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Robert W. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Leanna Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On August 30, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/38 Robert W. Wright and Leana D. Wright sold their 239-1/2 acres of land to John P. Graves:

> "This Deed made this 30th day of August in the year 1859 between Robert W. Wright and Leana D. Wright his wife of the first part and John P. Graves of the second part all of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the bond of the said John P. Graves for Two thousand dollars payable on the first day of October 1859, his bond for six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents payable on the 1st day of November 1860, his bond for Six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents payable on the 1st day of November 1861, and his bond for Six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents payable on the 1st day of November 1862 all of which are dated this day, made payable to the before mentioned Robert W. Wright and all secured by express lien reserved as hereinafter mentioned upon the land and every part thereof hereby conveyed. they the said Robert W. Wright and Leana D. Wright, do by these presents convey to the said John P. Graves, a certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Bedford containing by old survey Two hundred and thirty nine and one half acres it being the same land conveyed to the said Robert W. Wright by James W. Rucker & Elizabeth his wife by deed dated the 30th day of October 1848 and by the said Rucker purchased from Stephen Goggin Jr. One portion or lot of which known as Lot No. 4 and containing 127-1/2 acres was allotted to the said Stephen Goggin Jr. in the division of the lands of his father and the other portion known as lot No 3 containing 112 acres was allotted to Emily Matthews and her husband Edwin Matthews sold to the said Stephen Goggin Jr. to which said allotment and division aforesaid reference is hereby made for the boundaries courses and distances of the land now conveyed. And the said parties of the first part do hereby warrant the land hereby conveyed according to the metes and bounds aforesaid against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever & except their express lien hereby and herein reserved upon the same to enforce the payment and collection of the sum of four thousand dollars evidenced by bonds executed by the said John P. Graves for the purchase money of the land, which

lien is to be enforced for the purpose of satisfying and discharging any or either of the said bonds as they become due

Witness the following signatures and seals this day year first above mentioned

Robert W. Wright
Leanna D. Wright

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We Thomas W Robertson and Robert Johnson Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Leana D. Wright the wife of Robert W. Wright whose names are signed to the writing within & annexed bearing date the 30th day of August 1859, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Leana D. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord 1859

Thos. W. Robertson J.P.
Robert Johnson J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford)

I Thomas W. Robertson a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Robert W. Wright whose name is signed to the annexed and within writing bearing date the 30th day of August 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 5th day of September 1859

Thos W Robertson J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office September 26th 1859

This deed from Robert W. Wright & Leanna D. his wife to John P. Graves conveying real Estate was produced in said Office & together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

In her email dated September 8, 1999, Kathleen Akers stated June Goode of Bedford had seen a newspaper article dated in the 1880's which stated that Robert W. S. Wright had moved to DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas, and that his son Edward had returned to Bedford for a visit.

From the evidence set forth above the children of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright were the following:

1) Edward T. Wright, born about 1845 at Virginia,
2) Ellen I. Wright, born about 1847 at Virginia, and
3) Betty Wright, born about 1849 at Virginia.
4) Gairy Wright, born in February 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and
5) Ann H. Wright, born on February 3, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Edward T. Wright

Edward T. Wright was a son of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Robert W. S.[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Edward T. Wright in the Robert D. or P. Wright household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

ii. Ellen I. Wright

Ellen I. Wright was a daughter of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Robert W. S.[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Ellen I. Wright in the Robert D. or P. Wright household and her age as 3 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

iii. Betty Wright

Betty Wright was a daughter of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Robert W. S.[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Betty Wright in the Robert D. or P. Wright household and her age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

iv. Gairy Wright

Gairy Wright was a son of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Robert W. S.[4])

The birth record of Gairy Wright was dated in February 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Gairy Wright
Date of Birth:	February 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Robt W. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Leanor
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

v. Ann H. Wright

Ann H. Wright was a daughter of Robert W. S. Wright and Lenna (Hewitt) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Robert W. S.[4])

The birth record of Ann H. Wright was dated on February 3, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Ann H. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 3, 1858
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Robert W. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Leanna Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

b. 1862 John Quincy Adams Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mary G. (Williamson) Wright, And His Descendants

1862 John Quincy Adams Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and Sally (Hardy) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3])

On October 10, 1838, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers J. Q. A. Wright executed his promissory note for $357.78 payable to Randolph D. P. Read:

> "On demand I promise to Randolph D P. Read Three Hundred and fifty Seven Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents for value received to the true payment of which we bind our selfes our heirs &c - firmly by these presents Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1838.
>
> J Q A Wright
>
> For Value I assign the within note to A B Nichols this 24th January 1849
>
> R. D. P. Read"

The will of 1840 John Wright dated August 24, 1839, and probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204 listed John Q. A. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son John Q A Wright my two Boys, Frank and Dunmore, also my Girl Cinda, and one bay colt now known as Johns colt, and one boys saddle, now known as his saddle, and the sum of ten dollars in cash, also a sufficiency of cash to make his colt equal in value to the value of Roberts colt at the time they may be appraised, ..."

In July 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/100 Joel Wright was appointed guardian for Robert W. Wright and John Q. A. Wright, orphan children of John Wright:

> "Ordered that Joel Wright be appointed Guardian of Robert W. Wright & John Q. A. Wright orphans of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with James Wright his Security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $7,000: conditioned according to law."

The Division and Allotment of the estate of 1840 John Wright dated August 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/397 allocated 209 acres of land to John Q. A. Wright:

> "August the 8th 1841. In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at their April term 1841 we the undersigned subscriber have proceeded according to the best of our judgment and to divide and allot to the heirs of John Wright deceased the lands of said decedent according to the will of said testator as represented by the annexed platt Viz Lot No. 1 Beginning at Compton's corner maple stump at A and Beaver Dam Creek thence a dividing line from A to B S 9 E 14 __ poles crossing said creek below the fork of the North East fork of said Creek to a gum and red oak on hill side and Joel Wright's fence, thence along his lines N. 65-1/2 W. at 50 poles crossing said creek 85 poles to a stake and persimmon N. 46-1/2 W. 30 poles to Stones near a branch, N. 25 W. 62 poles to a stake near the top of a ridge on the edge of a field S. 54-1/2 W. 53 poles to a large rock on a branch S 75-1/2 W. 210 poles crossing branch to a stake in the road near a branch thence along Anthony Wrights line N. 13 W. 62 poles to Matthew Wrights corner pointers near the top of a ridge, thence along his line N. 57-1/4 E. at 10 poles crossing a branch and passing his corner on said line and along Overstreets line same course continued 160 poles to a stake thence N 85-1/2 E 68 poles to his corner white on a branch N. 10 W 37 poles to a pine and stake on the main road, thence down said road as it meanders being Compton's line S 68-1/2 E 20-1/2 poles & S 44-1/2 E. 16 poles & S. 22 E. 38 poles & S 76-1/2 E 12 poles to stake and stump on the South edge of said road thence nearly along an old obsolete road N 89-1/2 E 34-3/4 poles to Beaverdam creek, thence down the creek as it meanders S 1- 1/2 W 7 poles & N 74-1/2 6 poles & N 41 E 8 poles, & S 39- 1/2 E 18-3/4 poles to that first Station containing 209 acres & allotted to John Q. A. Wright . . . ."

On February 1, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Samuel W. Williams assigned to John Q. A. Wright a promissory note for $21.63 payable by John Carter to Samuel W. Williams:

> "$21.63 On demand, for value received, I bind myself my Heirs, Executor of Administrator, to pay to Samuel W. Williams, his Heirs, Executor, Administrator of assigns, the sum of Twenty one Dollars Sixty three Cents, lawful money of Virginia, under the penalty of fourty three Dollars twenty six Cents. Witness my hand and seal this 1 day of Febuary 1842.
>
> Witness
> Daniel Mcdermed
>
> his
> John X Carter
> mark

I assign the within bond of twenty One Dollars & Sixty three Cents due the 1st of Febuary 1842 to John Q A Wright for value received this the 24th day of Nov 1847

Samuel W. Williams"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
	John Q A Wright	1		

Carriages whether 4 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
John Q. A. Wright		209	On the same [Bever Dam Cr]

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
16 SW	6.50		1358.50	1.67	of John Wrights Est

This record reflects the allocation of 209 acres of land to John Q. A. Wright from the estate of 1840 John Wright.

On August 22, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 29/586 John Q. A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Robert St. Clair, Sr.

On November 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/91 John Q. A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Archibald G. Craigg to secure Stephen C. Hurt & Co.

In December 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/86 the commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Joel Wright and James Wright as guardians of John Q. A. Wright and the other children of John Wright:

> "Ordered that John A. Wharton a Commissioner of this Court, state and settle the Guardian Account of Joel Wright and James Wright with their wards Robert W. John Q. A., Mary, and James O. Wright, and make report to Court."

On February 11, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/188 John Q. A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Ethelred Brown to secure Stephen C. Hurt & Co.

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household on May 9:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
May 9	John Q A Wright	1			

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
John Q. A. Wright		209	On the Same [Bever Dam Cr]

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
				2.04	

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household on May 23:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	John Q A Wright	1			

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents
		.25

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contig-uous Tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On the same [Beaveredam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	____	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
16 SW	6.50		1358.50	1.70	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q A Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.10

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
16 W	6.50		1358.50	1.36	

In June 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/473 John Q. A. Wright was elected constable for the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of militia:

> "The Justices of this County having been summoned for the purpose this Court proceeded to an election of Constables for this County for the ensuing two years when the vote stood as follows: . . . . For John Q. A. Wright: Arnspaugh, Wingfield, Morgan Quarles, Burks, Scruggs, Burwell, Reese, Cheatwood, Meriwether Crenshaw, L. McDaniel, Slaughter, Jones, Hurt R. C. Steptoe, Cobbs and Terry making for the said John Q. A. Wright eighteen votes and the said William H. Pate and John Q. A. Wright having received a majority of the Justices present were duly elected constables for this County to act in the first Battallion and 10th Regiment of Militia For the 2d Battallion and 10th Regiment . . . . And thereupon the said William H. Pate, John Q. A. Wright Gustavus A. Preston, Samuel G. Tinsley, Joshua W. Thomas, James D. Ewing, Daniel Arnspaugh and Andrew Miller severally took the oaths prescribed by law, and entered into bonds with security conditioned according to law, which said bonds are ordered to be recorded."

On June 24, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/444 John Q. A. Wright executed a surety bond for his appointment as constable for Bedford County:

> "Know all men by these presents that we John Q. A Wright James C Kasey and Thomas Campbell are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of three thousand dollars: for the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed and dated this 24th day of June 1845.
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> The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the County Court of Bedford hath this day appointed John Q A Wright Constable to act in the first Battallion and 10th Regiment of the Virginia Militia in the said County of Bedford for the term of two years from the date hereof. Now if the said John Q A Wright shall well and truly discharge the duties of his said office of Constable according to law during his continuance in office then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.
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> Witness) John Q. A. Wright
> R. D. Buford) James C Kasey
> Thomas Campbell

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of June 1845

This bond was acknowledged in Court by all the obligors thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C Mitchell CBC"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q A Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.10

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	6.50		1358.50	1.36	

On August 3, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Richard Craig assigned to J. Q. A. Wright a promissory note for $30 payable by Abner Meador to Richard Craig:

"$30.00

On or before the 30th Day of September next I promise to pay or cause to be paid my heirs &c unto Richard Craig the just and full Sum of Thirty Dollars good and current money as Witness my hand and Seal this 3rd Day of August 1846

Teste, Abner Meador
Green B Spradlin

I assign the within bond to J Q. A Wright without any recourse on me this the 9th day of August 1847

Richard his X mark" Craigg

On December 31, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/225 John Q. A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Lorenzo D. Preston.

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q A Wright	1	1	1	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying spe-dific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.42

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	6.50		1358.50	1.36	

On February 23, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/379 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"John Q A Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright Guardian Dr

1843			
Jany 1	To 1 pair shoes	1	1.50
" "	" Cash paid Thos Burroughs tuition Aug 17 1840	2	12.87
" "	" Cash paid same 12 Oct.	3	12.00

" "	"	Cash paid tax 1842	4	2.98
1844				
Jany	"	Cash paid Jas McFalls for keeping Bennett 1843	5	15.00
Feb 29	"	cash paid for keeping Lucinda & child 1843	6	25.00
	"	Cash paid tax	7	2.61
" "	"	Cash paid James Wright on account of Filly given in Will valued at $50.	8	18.75
" "	"	Cash paid tax	9	.36
" "	"	Com. for settling this a/c	10	1.00
" "	"	Commission on $848.31 at 5 pc		42.41
		Balance		773.83
				918.31
		Cr		
1843		By cash for Filly		70.00
	"	1/2 of $1312.78 bal due on Joel Wrights admrs a/c		654.89
	"	Reced of land 1842		48.42
" "	"	rent 1842		10.00
" "	"	hire of Frank 1843		100.00
" "	"	hire of Dunmore		35.00
				918.31
1844		Dr		
March 16		To cash pd. order to Robert Wright		
11				6.50
" "	"	1 Tierce of plaister	12	5.00
June 12	"	Cash pd Wm Gilpin for keeping Lucinda & 2 Children from 1 Jany	13	20.00
" "	"	Cash paid for coffin for Lucinda	14	2.50
Sept	"	Gray horse	15	65.00
	"	Cash paid tax	16	3.89
	"	Cash paid for keeping Bennett & William from June to Janry	17	16.00
Nov 20	"	2 pair shoes	18	1.00
	"	making two shirts	19	.24
" "	"	making and putting up 400 rails	20	2.00
" "	"	putting up 600 Old rails	21	.75
" "	"	160 fodder	22	.80
1845				
Jany	"	Comr	23	25.00
" "	"	Commission on $213.69 at 5 pr cent		10.65
" "	"	Balance		828.18
				987.52
1844		Cr		
March 1		By Balance		773.83
1845				
Jany 1	"	hire of Frank 1844		110.00

"	"	"	" " Dunmore		50.00
"	"	"	rent of part of land		19.00
"	"	"	rent of Wm Gilpin		15.00
"	"	"	Interest on $773.83 for 4 months		38.69
					987.52
1845			Dr		
Febry	To cash	paid	Dr Claytor a/c	24	35.00
Sept 25		"	cash paid you	25	25.00
"	"	"	cash paid tax	26	2.02
Dec 25		"	cash paid you	27	25.00
"	"	"	Cash paid for keeping Bennett & William 1845	28	33.00
"	31	"	cash paid you by Thomas Nelson	29	6.72
"	"	"	Cash paid Wm Gilpin for repairs to plantation	30	28.00
"	"	"	Cash paid you by W Gilpin	31	2.80
"	"	"	Comr fee		1.50
			Commissions on $289.68 at 5 pr ct.		14.48
"	"	"	Balance		945.14
					1117.86
1845			Cr.		
Novr		By	Balance		828.18
"		"	Cash for infant child of Lucinda Sold Dr Claytor		50.00
Dec 31		"	hire of Frank 1845		110.00
"	"	"	" of Dunmore		50.00
"	"	"	Rent 1845		30.00
1846					
Feby		"	Int on $828.18 for 1 year		49.68
					1117.86
1846					
March 1		By	Balance due Jno Q A Wright		945.14

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account current of Jno Q A Wright with his Guardian Joel Wright as above

Jno A Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County, February 23d 1847

This Guardian account of Joel Wright Guardian of John Q A Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And thereafter to Wit. At a Court held for said County on the 23d March 1847 and no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

In June 1847 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/400 John Q. A. Wright was elected constable for the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of militia:

> "The Court proceeded to the election of Constables in this County for the next two years when the same resulted as following to Wit
> . . . .
>
> For the 1st Battalion and 10" Regiment, William H. Pate and John Q. A. Wright received the unanimous vote of the Court present and are declared duly elected
> . . . .
>
> Whereupon the said Joshua W. Thomas, James D Ewing William H. Pate, John Q. A. Wright, Gustavus A. Benton Martin J. Ayres and Jacob E. Fizer took the several oaths prescribed by law and gave bond and security according to law, which bonds are acknowledged in open Court by the several obligors thereto and are ordered to be recorded."

On June 28, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/199 John Q. A. Wright executed a surety bond for his appointment as constable for Bedford County, Virginia:

> "Know all men by these presents that we John Q A Wright William H Pate and Silas Dearing are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of three thousand dollars for the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 28" day of June 1847.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the County Court of Bedford hath this day appointed John Q A Wright constable to act in the 1st Battalion and 10th Regiment of the Virginia Militia in the said County of Bedford. Now if the said John Q A Wright shall well and truly discharge the duties of said office of Constable in the said County of Bedford according to law during his continuance therein, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue
>
> Witness — John Q A Wright
> Jno. M Reese — William H Pate
> Silas Dearing

In Bedford County Court June 28 1847

This bond was acknowledged in Court by all the obligors thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

On November 26, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/523 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"John Q A Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright Guardian

1846	Dr		Prin	Int
Dec 31	To Board & clothing of Bennett & William 1846 agreeable to contract	1	33.00	
" " "	Cash paid E C Hurt & Co a/c	2	8.73	
" " "	Cash paid Robert W Wright a/c	3	10.15	
1847				
March 1 "	Cash paid Com. for settling this a/c	4	1.00	
" "	Com. on $157.70 at 5 pr cent		7.88	
" "	Balance		1042.08	
			1102.84	

1846	Dr	
March 1	By Balance due on former settlement	945.14
Dec 31 "	Hire of Frank 1846	110.00
1847		
March 1 "	Int on $945.14 for one year	47.70
		1102.84
1847		
March 1	By Balance due Jno Q A Wright	1042.08

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account current of Jno Q A Wright with Joel Wright his guardian as above

Jno A Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County November 26 1847

This guardian account of John Q A Wright with Joel Wright his guardian was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And afterwards at

a court held for said County December 27 1847 No exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC."

On about December 10, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright filed a complaint against Abner Meador for payment of a debt of $30:

"In the County Court of Bedford County
Bedford County, to wit;

John Q A Wright assignee of Richard Craig (pltff) complains of Abner Meador (deft.) in custody &c. of a plea of debt that he render unto the said pltff the sum of thirty dollars which he owes to & from the said pltff. unjustly detains. And thereupon the said pltff. saith that heretofore, to wit, on the 30" day of August 1846, at the county aforesaid, the said defendant made his certain writing obligatory sealed with his seal, and to the court now here shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid whereby & according to the tenor & effect thereof he promised to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Richard Craig the just and full sum of thirty dollars good and current money to be paid to the said Richard Craig on or before the 30th day of September next after the date thereof, to wit, and before the 30" day of September 1846: and afterwards, to wit, on the 9" day of August, in the year 1847, at the county aforesaid, the said Richard Craig made an endorsement in writing on the said writing obligatory and subscribed his name to the said endorsement, whereby & according to the legal tenor and effect thereof he assigned the said writing obligatory to the said plaintiff, of which said assignment the said deft. afterwards, to wit, on the day & year last aforesaid then had ____ and the said pltff. doth aver, that the said deft. never did pay the said sum of thirty dollars or any part thereof to the said Richard Craig before notice of the said assignment, nor hath he ever paid the same to the said pltff. since the said assignment or at any time before. By reason whereof and of the said assignment & by force of the act of assembly in such cases made and provided action hath accrued to the said pltff. to demand and have of and from the said deft the said sum of thirty dollars.

Nevertheless the said deft. (although often requested) hath never as yet paid to the said plaintiff the said sum of thirty dollars of any part thereof but the same to pay the said deft. hath hitherto wholly neglected and refused, and still neglects and refuses so to do. To the damage of the said Pltff. $20- & therefore he brings his suit &c.

Johnson & Burks P.Q."

On December 10, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Abner Meador to answer the complaint of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $30:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take Abner Meador if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Courthouse, on the fourth Monday in March next, to answer John Q. A. Wright assignee of Richard Craig of a plea of Debt for thirty dollars Damage twenty dollars and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 10th day of December 1847 in the 72nd year of our Independence.

Jno R Steptoe"

On January 3, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent filed his surety bond to secure the payment by Abner Meador of any judgment rendered in the suit against him by John Q. A. Wright:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 3rd day of January, in the year 1848 Peter Dent of the county of Bedford personally appeared before me M A. Jordan Deputy Sheriff for Armistead Otey, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for Abner Meador at the suit of John Q. A. Wright assnee of Richard Craigg in an action of debt for thirty dollars Damage twenty dollars now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said Abner Meador shall be cast in the said suit, the said Abner Meador will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said Peter Dent will do it for him Given under my hand, this 3rd day of January 1848

M A Jordan DS for
Armistead Otey S.B.C.

I Peter Dent have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 3the day of January 1848

Peter Dent"

On about January 6, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright filed a complaint against John Carter for payment of a debt of $43.26:

"In the county court of Bedford County
Bedford County, to wit:

John Q A Wright assignee of Samuel W Williams (pltff) complains of John Carter (defendant) in custody &c of a plea of debt that he the said deft render unto the said pltff the sum of forty-three dollars and twenty six cents which he owes to & from him unjustly detains. And therefore the said plaintiff saith, that heretofore, to wit, on the 1st day of February 1842, at the county aforesaid, the said deft made his certain writing obligatory, sealed, with his seal, and to the Court now here shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, whereby for value received he bound himself, his heirs, executor, or administrator, to pay to Samuel W Williams, his heirs, executor, administrator, or assigns on demand the sum of twenty one dollars and sixty three cents lawful money of Virginia, under the penalty of forty three dollars and twenty-six cents, And the said Samuel W Williams, afterwards, to wit, on the 24th day of November 1847, at the County aforesaid, by endorsement in writing on said writing obligatory, assigned the same to the said John Q A Wright for value received, and subscribed his name thereto of which said assignment the said deft. then & there had notice. And the said plaintiff avers, that the said deft. (although often requested) did not pay the said sum of $21.63¢ or any part thereof to the said Samuel W Williams before the said assignment and notice thereof nor since, nor hath he as yet paid the same or any part thereof to the said plaintiff. By reason whereof & by virtue of the act of assembly in such case made & provided, an action hath accrued to the said plaintiff to demand and have of the said defendant the said penal sum of forty three dollars and twenty-six cents. Nevertheless the said deft (although often requested) hath not or yet paid to the said plaintiff the said last mentioned sum of money or any part thereof, but the same to the said pltff. to pay the said deft. hath hitherto wholly failed & refused, and he still fails & refuses so to do. To the damage of the said ptff $20 - & therefore he brings his suit &c

Johnson & Burks p.q."

On January 6, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against John Carter to answer the complaint of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $43.26:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take John Carter if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in March next, to answer John Q A Wright assignee of Samuel W. Williams of a plea of Debt for twenty one dollars and sixty three cents. Damage twenty dollars. and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 6th day of January 1848 in the 72nd year of our Independence.

Jno. R Steptoe"

On January 6, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/506 John Carter confessed a judgment for $43.26:

"January 6th

John Q. A. Wright assee of Samuel W. Williams agst. John Carter. In Debt

The defendant being in custody of the Sheriff of this County by virtue of the writ issued in this case, came into the office & confessed a judgment for forty three dollars and twenty six cents and for costs, but to be discharged by the payment of twenty one dollars and sixty three cents with Interest thereon from the 1st day of February 1842 till paid and the costs."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q A Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q A Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

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The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	6.50		1358.50	1.34	

On May 24, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the court issued a summons against Peter Dent to pay the judgment rendered against Abner Meador:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting: Whereas John Q. A. Wright assignee of Richard Craigg, at a Court held for the said County of Bedford, at the Courthouse, the 24" day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, before the Justices of our said Court by the judgment of that Court, had recovered against Abner Meador, the sum of thirty dollars, for debt, together with legal Interest thereon, from the 20th day of September 1846, till paid; and $8.62 for his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended: whereof the said Abner Meador is convict as appears to us of record. Nevertheless execution thereof still remains to be made. And whereas on the 3rd day of January 1848 Peter Dent of the said County of Bedford personally appeared before M. A. Jordan deputy Sheriff for Armistead Otey Sheriff of said County, and undertook for the said Abner Meador that in case the said Abner Meador should be cast in the said suit, he the said Abner Meador would pay and satisfy the condemnation of the said Court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same: or that he the said Peter Dent would do it for him, as by the said recognizance which was duly returned by the said M. A. Jordan deputy Sheriff as aforesaid, to the Clerk of our said Court, and now remains in the same Court filed among the records thereof manifestly appears. But the said Abner Meador the debt, interest & costs aforesaid to the said John Q. A. Wright assignee as aforesaid, hath not paid, nor his body to prison surrendered, neither hath the said Peter Dent done it for him, as by the said John Q. A. Wright we are informed. Therefore we command you that you make known to the said Peter Dent that he be before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in August next, to shew, if anything for himself he hath or can say, why the said John Q. A. Wright assignee as aforesaid, execution against him, of the debt, interest and costs aforesaid according to the form and effect of the recognizance aforesaid ought not to have, if to him it seems expedient And have then there this writ. Witness John R. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court this 28th day of July 1849 in the 74th year of our Independence.
>
> Jno. R. Steptoe"

On June 27, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/55 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"John Q. A. Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright guardian

1848		Dr.		Prin.	Int.
Jany 1		To this sum hire of Frank 1847	1	110.00	
"	"	" Cash paid for keeping William 1847	2		15.00
"	"	" Clerk's ticket	3		2.87
March 23		" Cash at Salem	4	5.00	
"	"	" this sum to John Wright's estate for Bennett	5	75.00	
"	"	" Amt. teond(?)	6	487.67	
"	"	" Cash	7	205.05	
"	"	" Com on $110- & 62.52		5.50	3.12
"	"	" Bal.		263.86	41.53
				1152.08	62.52
1847		Cr.			
March 1		By Bal. due on former settlement		1042.08	
1848					
March 1		" hire of Frank 1847		110.00	
"	"	" Int on $1042.08			62.52
				1152.08	62.52
1848		Dr.			
Apl 1		" To your portion of Bal. due on executorial a/c	8	5.54	
"	"	" Comr. fee for settling a/c	9	1.00	
"	"	" Bal.		257.32	41.53
				263.86	41.53
1848		Cr.			
Apl 1		By Balance		263.86	41.53
				263.86	41.53
1848		Dr.			
Apl 1		To this sum in a/c of Filly over & above the other children the other half being charged in another settlement		18.75	
"	"	" Balance		257.32	41.53
				276.07	41.53
1848		Cr.			
Apl 1		By Balance		257.32	41.53
"	"	" By John Wright for 1/4 of value of Filly		18.75	
				276.07	41.53
1848		Cr.			
Apl 1		By Balance due Jno Q A Wright		257.32	41.53

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of Jno. Q A Wright with Joel Wright his guardian as above

Jn A Wharton C

At a court held for Bedford County June the 27- 1848

This account of John Q A Wright with Joel Wright his guardian was produced in court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And at a court held for said County July the 24" 1848 no exceptions having been taken hereto said account was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

In December 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/157 John Q. A. Wright was licensed to keep an ordinary at Pea Town:

"On the motion of John Q. A. Wright who produced the Sheriffs receipt for the tax imposed by law and gave bond and security according to law, leave is granted him to keep an ordinary at Pea town in this County until the next May Term of this Court, the Court being satisfied that the said John Q. A. Wright is a man of good character, not addicted to drunkenness or gaming and are of opinion that he will keep an orderly & useful house of entertainment"

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q. A Wright	1	3	3	1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.08

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	209	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	6.50		1358.50	1.36	

On February 16, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/405 John Q. A. Wright sold 168 acres of land to Peter M. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 16" day of Feby one thousand eight hundred and forty nine between John Q. A. Wright of the County of Bedford of the first part and Peter M Wright of the aforesaid County of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Q A Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred and sixty two dollars and ninety eight cents to him in hand paid by the said Peter M Wright the payment of which is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Peter M Wright his heirs or assigns all the right title and interest in a tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and sixty eight acres, one rood and eighteen poles with the buildings thereon & all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging situate in the County of Bedford state of Virginia and lying on Beaver Dam Creek and bounded as follows viz. Beginning at Peter M Wright's own corner on said creek at station 1 thence along the line of James O Wright's lott S 9-1/4 E 56 poles to rock and locust in said line (off new line) W 67-3/4 W 64 poles to stake and stone, thence along Joel Wright's line S 54-1/2 W 53 poles to large rock on Branch S 75-1/2 W 210 poles to stake in C. Preston's line on road near a branch, thence along his line N 13 W 62 poles to pointers to corner F Johnson N 57-1/4 E. at 10 poles crossing branch & along Peter M Wright's line same course 100 poles to stake N 85-1/2 E 68 poles to white oak on branch N 10 W 37 poles to pine and pointers on road thence along the new road as it meanders to station No 12 thence along an old road N 89-1/2 E 34-3/4 poles to Beaver Dam Creek thence down said Creek as it meanders to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid interest in and to the real estate aforesaid to him the said Peter M Wright his heirs representatives or assigns forever, and the said John Q A Wright hereby covenants with the said Peter M Wright, that he will and his executors administrators or assigns forever shall warrant and defend the said interest to the said Peter M Wright or assigns free from the claims of all persons. In witness whereof the said John Q A Wright has hereto set his hand and affixed his seal this date above written

Signed sealed and delivered) John Q. A. Wright
in presence of)
Teste
Joseph D St. Clair
Ethelred Brown
Jabez B Dent

Bedford Clerks office September 10" 1849

This deed from John Q A Wright to Peter M Wright conveying real estate was produced in office acknowledged by John Q A Wright and admitted to record

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On February 19, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/199 John Q. A. Wright sold 28 acres of land to Joel Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this ____ day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty nine between John Q. A. Wright of the County of Bedford of the first part and Joel Wright of the aforesaid County of the other part, Witnesseth that the said John Q A Wright for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joel Wright the payment of which is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Joel Wright his heirs or assigns all the right title and interest in a tract or parcel of land containing thirty eight acres two roods and twenty two poles with privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging situate in the County of Bedford state of Virginia on Beaver Dam Creek bounded and described as follows Viz Beginning at Rock and ____ S 97 E 87 poles, thence along James O Wright lott crossing Beaver dam Creek below the fork of the Northeast fork of said Creek to a Gum and Red oak on hill side in Joel Wrights line thence along his lines N 65-1/2(?) W at 85 poles to stake N 46-1/2 poles thence along his lines ____ near branch N 25 E 62 poles to stake on ridge, thence along Peter M Wrights lines S 67 __ E 64 poles to Rock and Locust To have and to hold the aforesaid interest in and to the real estate aforesaid to him the said Joel Wright his heirs representatives or assigns forever and the said John Q A Wright hereby covenants with the said Joel Wright that he will and his executors administrators or assigns forever shall warrant and defend the said interest to the said Joel Wright or assigns free from the claims of all persons. In witness whereof the said John Q A Wright has hereto set his hand and affixed his seal this date first above written

Witness John Q A Wright

Bedford Clerks office February the 19" 1849

This deed from John Q A Wright to Joel Wright conveying real estate was produced in the office acknowledged by said John Q A Wright & admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C"

In March 1849 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/189 in the case of Wright v. Pearson the court ordered the sale of the slaves of the estate of Robert Hardy and the division of the proceeds among the heirs:

"Wright's Exors. v Pearson &c Chy. This day this cause came on to be heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of the commissioner appointed to sell the slaves in the Bill & proceedings mentioned by a decretal order pronounced in this cause on the 28" day of March 1848 & was argued by counsel - Upon consideration whereof the court approving the said report doth confirm the same. And the court doth further adjudge order & decree that the same Commissioner be & he is hereby appointed to collect the bonds given for the purchase money of the said slaves, and when collected, out of the moneys arising therefrom that he do first pay the costs of this suit and his commissions, and the costs attending the sale, and the residue thereof, that he then divide into six equal parts and whereof he shall pay to the complainant's - two-to the said George Pearson to Wit: one in right of his wife Polly, & the other as assignee of Jonathan Hardy - two to the said Joseph Hardy to Wit one in his own right & the other as assignee of Robert Hardy, and out of the remaining share that he do pay to Gustavus A Wingfield the trustee in the deed of trust in the bill & proceedings mentioned the debts secured in the said deed, or such thereof as may be unpaid with all interest lawfully due thereon, and the balance if any shall pay to the said Wm H Saunders in right of his wife Nancy. And leave is given to the parties to apply to the court for any future order which may be necessary & proper about the execution of this decree"

On about March 21, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Abel B. Nichols filed a complaint against John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $357.78:

"Virginia) In the County Court of Bedford to wit;

Randolph D. P. Read who sues for the benefit of Abel B. Nichols complains of John Q. A. Wright in Custody &c of a plea of debt that he render unto him the sum of Three hundred & fifty seven Dollars & seventy eight Cents lawful money

of Virginia which he owes to & from him unjustly detains: For that whereas the said Deft heretofore to wit; on the 10" day of October 1848 at the Parish of ____ & County aforesaid under his certain writing obligatory sealed with his seal & to the Court now here shewn the date whereof is the day & year last aforesaid whereby he the said Deft by the name of J. Q. A. Wright, promised to the said Plff (meaning thereby to promise to pay) the said sum of Three hundred & fifty seven Dollars & Seventy eight Cents for value recd - to be paid to the said Plff by the said Deft whenever he the said Deft should be thereunto afterwards requested - Nevertheless the said Deft although often requested has not at any time paid to the said Plff the said sum of Three hundred & fifty seven Dollars & Seventy eight cents - but to pay the same the said Deft has hitherto wholly failed & refused and still fails & refuses so to do to the damage of the Plff $20 and therefore he brings suit &c.

Wingfield & Campbell p.q."

On March 21, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against John Q. A. Wright to answer the complaint of Abel B. Nichols for payment of a debt of $357.78:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take John Q A Wright if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday this month, to answer Randolph D P Read who sues for the benefit of Abel B Nichols of a plea of Debt for Three hundred dollars and fifty seven cents - Damage $20. And have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 21st day of March 1849, in the 73rd year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On about March 21, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a statement of account between Wright & Matthews and R. D. P. Read was filed:

"Mr R. D. P. Read
In A/c With Wright & Matthews
1848

Mch 27	To 6 Yds Co Cloth	10	50	
	" 2-3/4 " fancy Cassimere	7/6	3 44	4 04
30	" 1 " Irish Linen	5/8	88	88

Apl 3	" 1 pair Gloves		31	31
4	" 1 Doz Buttons		06	
"	" 1 Smal Bottom(?)		06	
"	" 5 Yds Jeans (Cotton	14	70	82
"	" 1/2 Bottle Sherry wine bitters		31	31
5	" 1½ Yds bk Cambrick	8	12	
	3 " bleech Cloth	8	06	
	3 Hks(?) Silk	3	09	
	1 Sett Buttons	"	05	
	1 Bunch Linen Tape		06	
	1 Sheet Co Wading		09	
	25 pr ct. advance		12	59
8	14 Yd Linen		08	
	1 Sett Button	3/3	50	58
12	3/4 Yd Puding	20	15	
	3/4 J Socketing	9	06	
	1 " sleeve lineing		13	
	2 Sheets Wading	4/	12	
	1/4 " Stay Linen	—	16	
	25 pr ct advance		13	65
25	1/2 Doz Pearl Buttons		05	05
May 2	1 Sett Vest Trimmings		50	50
15	1 " pant "	2/3	38	38
June 1	1 pair Suspenders	2/3	38	38
Sep 30	Due Wright & Matthews			9.49
	In A/c with J. Q. A. Wright			
Oct 13	To 3 Yds French Cloth	10/5	5.70	
	1 fine blk Hat		3.50	
	2-3/4 Yds Cassimere	7/5	3.44	
	1 Satin Vest		1.87	
	3 Yds Lineny	5/3	2.60	
	3 Hks Silk	/2	12	
	3/8 Yd Velvet		3.00	1.15
1849	25 pr cent Advance		4.61	23.05
Mch 31	Interest on 9.49 up to date		.28	.28
" "	Due John Q A Wright			$32.82
	To amt John Read a/c transferred)		42.65	42.65
	to you due 31st March 1868)			
1848	8½ yds calico sold Jno Read to			
	be paid for by you	1.-	43.65	
	Amt. Wm Murrily a/c transferred)			
	to you due 31 March 1848)			20.00
				96.47"

On March 23, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James F. Johnson filed his surety bond to secure the payment by John Q. A. Wright of any judgment rendered against him in the suit by Abel B. Nichols for payment of a debt of $357.78:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 23rd day of March, in the year 1849 James F. Johnson of the county of Bedford, personally appeared before me Charles D. Reynolds Deputy Sheriff for Armistead Otey, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for John Q. A. Wright at the suit of Randolph D. P Read who sues for the benefit of Abel B Nichols in an action of debt for Three hundred and fifty dollars and Seventy eight cents Damage $20- now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said John Q. A. Wright shall be cast in the said suit, the said John Q. A. Wright will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said James F. Johnson will do it for him Given under my hand, this 23rd day of March 1849

C. D. Reynolds D.S. for
Armistead Otey, S.B.C.

I James F. Johnson have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 23rd day of March 1849

James F. Johnson"

On June 8, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John G. Dickerson and Giles Dickinson executed their promissory note for $24.27 payable to John Q. A. Wright:

"$24.27/100 On demand for value received we promise to pay to John Q. A. Wright or to his Heirs or Assigns the sum of twenty four dollars and twenty seven Cents with lawful interest thereon from date. To the true performance of which we bind ourselves our Heirs &c. As witness our hands and seals, this the 8th day of June 1849

Teste)
Wm B. Jones)

John G Dickerson
his
Giles X Dickinson
mark"

On July 23, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/278 Joel Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"John Q A Wright
In a/c with Joel Wright guardian

1848		Dr		
Oct 1	To Cash including yr portion of Mrs. Bailey's exon.		1	307.81
"	"	" Cash paid ticket	2	1.37
"	"	" Cash paid ticket	3	1.26
"	"	" Com. for settling a/c		.50
"	"	" Bal		2.49
				313.43
1848		Cr		
Apl 1	By Balance due on former settlement			298.85
Dec 31		" Cash of M. Pate		3.06
"	"	" Cash of Mrs. Bailey		2.56
"	"	" Int. on $298.85 to 1st Oct 1848		8.96
				313.43
1849		Cr		
Jany 1	By Balance due J. Q. A. Wright			2.49

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court. I have settled the guardian account of Joel Wright guardian of Jno. Q. A. Wright as above

Jn. A. Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County July 23rd 1849

This account of John Q. A. Wright with Joel Wright his guardian was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And afterwards to Wit. At a Court held for said County August 28 1849 no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On October 15, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James W. Hix executed his promissory note for $22.63 payable to John Q. A. Wright:

"$22.63) On demand and for value received I promise to pay to John Q A Wright the Just and full sum of Twenty two Dollars & Sixty three Cents to the true

performance of which I bind myself my heirs &c As Witness my hand and seal this the 15th day of October 1849.

Test
J. O. Wright

James his X mark" W. Hix

On about October 29, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright filed his complaint against James W. Hix for payment of a debt of $22.63:

"In the County Court of Bedford
Bedford County to wit

John Q A Wright Plaintiff Complains of James W Hix defendant in custody &c of a plea of debt that he render unto him the sum of Twenty two dollars and sixty three cents which he owes to and from him unjustly detains: For that whereas the said defendant on the 15th day of October 1849 at the Parish of ____ in the County aforesaid made his certain writing obligatory sealed with his seal and to the court now here shown the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid whereby for value received he promised to pay to the said Plaintiff on demand the just and full sum of twenty two dollars and sixty three cents, to the true performance of which he bound himself his his heirs &c.

Nevertheless the said defendant although often requested has not paid to the Plaintiff the said sum of money above demanded or any part thereof but the same or any part thereof to pay he has hitherto failed and refused and still fails and refuses to pay the same to the damage of the said Plaintiff $20 and therefore he brings suit &c

Johnson & Campbell pq"

On October 29, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against James W. Hix to answer the complaint of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $22.63:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take James W. Hix if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in November next, to answer John Q A Wright of a plea of debt for twenty two dollars and sixty

three cents Damage $20. and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 29th day of October 1849, in the 74" year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On about October 29, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright filed his complaint against John G. Dickerson and Giles Dickinson for payment of a debt of $24.27:

"In the County Court of Bedford
Bedford County to wit
John Q. A. Wright Plaintiff
Complaines of John G. Dickerson and Giles Dickinson defendants in custody &c of a plea of debt that they render unto the him sum of Twenty four dollars and twenty seven cents with interest thereon from the 8 day of June 1849 which they owe to and from him unjustly detain: For that whereas the said defendants on the 8th day of June 1849 at the Parish of ____ in the county aforesaid made their certain writing obligatory sealed with their seals and to the Court now here shown the date thereof in the same day and year aforesaid whereby for value received they promised to pay to the said Plaintiff or to his heirs or assigns the sum of twenty four dollars and twenty seven cents with lawful interest thereon from the date of the said writing obligatory - to the true performance of which they bound themselves their heirs &c

Nevertheless the said defendants nor either of them although often requested have not paid the Plaintiff the said sum of money above demanded with interest as aforesaid or any part thereof but the same or any part thereof to pay they & each of them have hitherto failed and refused and still fail and refuse to pay the same to the damage of the said Plaintiff $20 and therefore he brings suit &c

Johnson & Campbell pq"

On October 29, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against John G. Dickinson and Giles Dickinson to answer the compliant of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $24.27:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take John G. Dickinson and Giles Dickinson if they be found within your bailiwick, and them safely keep, so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof,

on the fourth Monday in November next, to answer John Q. A. Wright of a plea of debt for twenty four dollars and twenty seven cents with Interest thereon from the 8th day of June 1849 till paid Damage twenty dollars and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 29" day of October 1849, in the 74th year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On November 16, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/447 John Q. A. Wright sold 200 acres of land to Joseph Feather:

"This Indenture made & entered into this 16 day of November 1849 between John Q A Wright of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia of the one part & Joseph Feather of the County of Roanoke & state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Feather the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold & confirm'd & by these presents doth bargain, sell & confirm unto him the said Joseph Feather his heirs & assigns forever one certain boundary or parcel of land supposed to contain about two hundred acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a rock on the road leading from Gooldys shop toward James Mayses decd near the mouth of the lane next to Gooldys Shop being a corner in said Gooldys line thence along Preston & Hurts line close along & outside of a fence to the main road thence up the same as it meanders to where Joseph Mayess line crosses said road thence along his line S 41-1/2 W at 34 poles crossing a branch same course continued along John Claytors line in all 140 poles to his & Mayses corner pointers thence along Mayses S 4-1/4(?) E 109 poles to a double chesnut oak N 65 E 80 poles to pointers & Red oak stump corner to Gooldy thence along his lines N 62° E 123 poles crossing 2 branches to a rock in a lane N 66 __ (?) E __ poles to the first station. To have & to hold the aforesaid boundary or parcel of land together with all & singuler the privileges & apurtinances thereunto belonging or in anywis appertaining unto him the said Joseph Feather his heirs and assigns forever & the said John Q A Wright doth hereby covenant & agree to & with the said Joseph Feather his heirs & assigns to forever warrant & defend the right & title of the aforesaid boundary or parcel of land free from the claims or _____ of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof he hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & date first written

John Q. A. Wright

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of
Matthew Pate

Bedford Clerks office November 26 1849

This deed from John Q A Wright to Joseph Feather conveying real estate was produced in the office acknowledged by John Q A Wright and admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

On November 26, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers William V. Jordan filed his surety bond to secure the payment of James W. Hix of any judgment rendered in the suit against him by John Q. A. Wright:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 26th day of November, in the year 1849 William V Jordan of the county of Bedford, personally appeared before me William B. Jones Deputy Sheriff for Robert Campbell, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for James W Hix at the suit of John Q. A. Wright in an action of debt for twenty two dollars & sixty three cents. Damage $20.00 now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said James M Stiff shall be cast in the said suit, the said James W Hix will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said William V. Jordan will do it for him Given under my hand, this 26th day of Nov 1849

William B. Jones D.S. for
Ro. Campbell, S.B.C.

I William V Jordan have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 26th day of November 1849

Wm V Jordan"

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John Q. A. Wright	1				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
	.20

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Q. A. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
John Q. A. Wright	Bedford	fee	138	Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
12 SE	4.28	400	590.64	.59	

Although the acreage listed is not consistent with the amount sold, this record reflects the sale of 28 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 34/199 and 168 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 34/405.

On January 4, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued again against John G. Dickinson and Giles Dickinson to answer the compliant of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $24.27:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you as at another time you have been commanded to take John G. Dickinson and Giles Dickinson if they be found within your bailiwick, and them safely keep, so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in March next, to answer John Q. A. Wright of a plea of debt for twenty four dollars and twenty seven cents with Interest thereon from the 8th day of June 1849 till paid Damage twenty dollars and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 4th day of January 1853, in the 74th year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On January 10, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent and Peter Lee Dent filed their surety bond to stay the execution of a judgment rendered against them and in favor of John Q. A. Wright:

"51 53
2
103.06

Know all Men by these presents, That we Peter Dent and Peter Lee Dent are held & firmly bound unto John Q A Wright assignee of Richard Craigg in the just and full sum of one hundred and three dollars and Six Cents to the payment

whereof well and truly to be made to the said John Q A Wright assignee &c his certain attorney, his executors, administrators, or assigns, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our and each of our joint and several heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 10th day of January one thousand eight hundred hundred and fifty

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, the said John Q A Wright assignee of Richard Craigg hath sued out of the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford, a writ of fieri facias against the goods and chattels of the above bound Peter Dent special bail for Abner Meador upon a judgment obtained in the said Court, which writ, with the legal costs and interest, including Sheriff's commissions attending the same, amounts to the sum of fifty one dollars and fifty three cents and directed to the Sheriff of Bedford county: and whereas William B. Jones deputy for Robert Campbell, Sheriff of said county, by virtue of the said writ to the said Sheriff directed, hath taken the following property belonging to the said Peter Dent to satisfy the same, to wit: One Sorrel Mare And the said Peter Dent being desirous of keeping the said property in his possession until the day of the sale thereof, hath tendered the above bound Peter Lee Dent as security for the forthcoming and delivery thereof, on the day and at the place of sale, agreeably to an Act of Assembly in that case made and provided Now, if the above bound Peter Dent and Peter Lee Dent or either of them, do and shall deliver the aforesaid property to the said Robert Campbell, Sheriff of Bedford county as aforesaid, or either of his lawful deputies, at Liberty, Bedford Court House, on the 4th Monday of February in the year 1850, then and there to be sold, to satisfy the execution in favor of the aforesaid John Q A Wright assignee of Richard Craigg then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered) Peter Dent
in presence of) Peter L. Dent"

On January 13, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 34/522 John Q. A. Wright purchased a parcel of land from William Mead, as executor:

"Know all men by these presents that I William Mead Executor of Sarah Medley Deceased in consideration of the sum of Fifteen hundred & forty two dollars & seventy eight cents paid to me by John Q A Wright of the County of Bedford & state of Virginia, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said John Q A Wright his heirs & assigns a certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon & all the priviledges & appertances to the same belonging situated in the County of Bedford on the head branches of Beaverdam & Kate's Creek & bounded as follows (viz, Beginning at a stake & pointers near Gooley's shop, corner to said Gooley, thence along his line South 66° West 67 poles to a rock in a lane, S 62° W, 123

poles crossing two branches to James May's pointers & red oak stump thence thence along said May's line S 63° W 80 poles to a double chesnut oak thence N 4-3/4 W. 109 poles to pointers near a road corner to John Claytor, thence along his line N 41-1/2° E. at 106 poles a bridge & branch at 140 a road in all 154 poles to pointers corner to Joseph Mays and Meeting house lot, thence along the lines of said lot S 47-3/4° E 8-1/2 poles to a stake & rocks thence N 42 E 12-3/4 poles to a white oak W 50-1/4° W 12-1/2 poles to a red oak in Isaac Gilpin's line thence along his line N 35-1/4° E at 94 poles a beach in all 108 poles to James Grays corner red oak, thence along his line S 73-1/4° E. at 92 a branch in all 110 poles to Nathaniel Newsom's corner pointers and red oak stump, thence along his line S 4-1/2 W at 93 poles a branch passing his corner on said branch same course along Preston & Leftwich's lines in all 111 poles to a stake & rocks thence N 83° W 8 poles to rocks on a branch, thence S 10-1/2° W 48 poles to a stake & rocks on the road thence South 14-1/2 W 17-1/2 poles to the first station

To have and to hold the above described land & premises with all the apurtenances to him the said John Q A Wright his heirs and assigns forever, to have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the same forever with every part and parcel thereof to him the said John Q A Wright his heirs and assigns forever and against the claim and demand of all persons whatsoever claiming under by or or through me William Mead Exor as aforesaid.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of January 1850

In presence of
Henry Preas
Alfred Goaldy
Phillip N Crat

William Mead Exor
of Sarah Medley Deceased

Bedford County Court January 28 1850

This deed from William Mead Executor of Sarah Medley Deceased to John Q A Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court acknowledged by William Mead and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On February 1, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James M. Stiff executed a promissory note for $21.81 payable to John Q. A. Wright:

"$21.81 On demand and for Value received I promise to pay to John Q A Wright Twenty One Dollars & Eighty One Cents to the performance of Which I bind myself my heirs &c As Witness my hand and seal this the 1st day of February 1850

Jas. M Stiff"

On February 25, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter L. Dent executed his surety bond to secure the payment of any judgment rendered against John G. Dickinson in the suit against him by John Q. A. Wright:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 25th day of February, in the year 1850 Peter L. Dent of the county of Bedford, personally appeared before me William B. Jones Deputy Sheriff for Robert Campbell, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and undertook for John G. Dickinson at the suit of John Q. A. Wright in an action of debt for twenty four dollars and twenty seven cents with Interest thereon from the 18th day of June 1849 till paid Damage twenty dollars now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said John G. Dickinson shall be cast in the said suit, the said John G. Dickinson will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said Peter L Dent will do it for him Given under my hand, this 25th day of Feby 1850

Wm B Jones D.S. for
Robert Campbell, S.B.C.

I Peter L. Dent have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 25th day of February 1850

Peter L. Dent"

On about February 25, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Q. A. Wright filed his complaint against James M. Stiff for payment of a debt of $21.81:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 6th day of May, in the year 1850 James M. Williams of the county of Bedford, personally appeared before me William B. Jones Deputy Sheriff for Robert Campbell, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and

undertook for James M Stiff at the suit of John Q. A. Wright in an action of debt for twenty one dollars and eighty one cents now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said James M Stiff shall be cast in the said suit, the said James M Stiff will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said James M Williams will do it for him Given under my hand, this 6th day of May 1850

William B. Jones D.S. for
Robert Campbell, S.B.C.

I James M Williams have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 6th day of May 1850

James M Williams"

On February 25, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against James M. Stiff to answer the complaint of John Q. A. Wright for payment of a debt of $21.81:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take James M Stiff if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court House thereof, on the fourth Monday in May next, to answer John Q A Wright of a plea of Debt for Twenty one dollars and eighty one cents - Damage $20. and have then there this writ. Witness, John R. Steptoe, Clerk of our said Court, the 4th day of May 1850, in the 74th year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

On February 25, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James M. Williams executed his surety bond to secure the payment of any judgment rendered against James M. Stiff in the suit against him by John Q. A. Wright:

"Bedford County, to wit:

Memorandum. - That upon the 6th day of May, in the year 1850 James M. Williams of the county of Bedford, personally appeared before me William B. Jones Deputy Sheriff for Robert Campbell, Sheriff of the county aforesaid, and

undertook for James M Stiff at the suit of John Q. A. Wright in an action of debt for twenty one dollars and eighty one cents now depending in the County Court of the county aforesaid, that in case the said James M Stiff shall be cast in the said suit, the said James M Stiff will pay and satisfy the condemnation of the court, or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said James M Williams will do it for him Given under my hand, this 6th day of May 1850

William B. Jones D.S. for
Robert Campbell, S.B.C.

I James M Williams have acknowledged the above recognizance of bail, and in testimony thereof, have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 6th day of May 1850

James M Williams"

On April 3, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers an attachment was issued against Solomon Lindsay for payment of a debt due to John Q. A. Wright:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting: Whereas we lately commanded you that you should take Solomon Lindsay if he should be found within your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you might have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Court house thereof on the fourth monday in March last past, to answer John Q. A. Wright of a plea of debt for forty six dollars and eighty one cents with Interest thereon given the 21st day of December 1849 till paid Damage $20. and you at the day made return that the said Solomon Lindsay was not found within your bailiwick. Whereupon on the motion of the said John Q. A. Wright an attachment has been awarded against the estate of the said Solomon Lindsay to force an appearance. Therefore we command you that you attach so much of the goods and chattels of the said Solomon Lindsay as will be of value sufficient to satisfy and pay the said sum of forty six dollars and eighty one cents with Interest thereon as aforesaid and costs, and that you secure the same in your hands or otherwise provide that the same may be forthcoming and liable for payment thereof, as the Justices of our said Court on the fourth Monday in May next shall in that part consider. And have then there this writ. Witness John R. Steptoe Clerk of our said Court this 3rd day of April 1850 in the 74" year of our Independence.

Jno. R. Steptoe"

The marriage bond of John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Williamson, daughter of Mary Anne E., was dated on May 4, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Nathaniel Newsom as surety and the marriage on May 9, 1850:

"To the Clerk of Bedford County

You are hereby Autherized to issue licens for the marriage of John Q. A. Wright to my Daughter Mary Gilbert Given under my hand this the 1st day of May 1850

Nathaniel Newsom Mary Ann E Williamson

Know all men by these presents, That we, John Q. A. Wright and Nathaniel Newsom are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 4" day of May 1850.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound John Q A. Wright and Mary G. Williamson daughter of Mary A. E. Williamson Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. John Q. A Wright
in presence of Nathaniel Newsom

Alfred Norman married the following persons in Bedford County Virginia Viz
. . . .

John Q. A Wright & Mary G Williamson May 9th 1850
. . . .

O. A. Kinsolving"

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Q. A. Wright with the following household on September 10, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James Q. A. Right	26	M			$1,500
Mary G. Right	16	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				

Although his first name is incorrectly listed as James instead of John, this is clearly the household of John Q. A. Wright after his marriage and indicates that he was born in about 1824 and that Mary Gilbert (Williamson) Wright was born in about 1834.

Bounty Land Warrant #36647-80-50 listed John Q. A. Wright's age as 27 in the affidavit dated September 20, 1851, thus placing his birth in approximately 1824. Since 1840 John Wright resided in Bedford County all of his life, the place of birth of John was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

In February 1851 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/486 John Q. A. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Patsey Cheek:

> "On the motion of John Q. A. Wright who made oath and together with James F. Johnson his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Patsey Cheek deceased"

On January 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/389 John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright sold 131-1/4 acres of land to James W. Garner:

> "This agreement of bargain and Sale made and entered into this 13th day of January 1854 between John Q A Wright and Mary Gilbert Wright his Wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part, and James W Garner of the County and State aforesaid of the Second part, Witnesseth that the Said John Q A Wright & Mary Gilbert Wright has for and in Consideration of the Sum of eight hundred dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the Said James W Garner the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and Sold and do by these presents grant bargain and Sell and Convey to him the said James W Garner one Certain tract or parcel of land

Situate lying and being in the aforesaid County of Bedford and State of Virginia on the Waters of Beaverdam Creek and adjoining the lands of Nathaniel Newsom James Gray Senr and the lands belonging to the estate of Isaac Gilpin and others Containing by recent Survey 131-1/4 Acres be the Same more or less and bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a planted Stone on N Side of the Pea Town Road represented in the plat of fig 1 thence from 1 to 5 along the road as it meanders S 83-3/4 W 29 poles 8 links N 53 W 54 poles N 57-3/4 W 38 poles N 54-1/2 W 44 poles to the old line thence With Said line N 41-1/2 E 12 poles to pointers Corner to meeting house lot thence With the line of Said lot S 52-1/2 E 11 poles to pile rock N 37-3/4 E 13 poles to White oak N 50-1/2 W 12-1/2 poles to red oak in Gilpin's line thence from 9 to 10 along Gilpins line N 35 E 95 poles +ing branch in all 109 poles to Grays Corner red oak thence from 10 to 11 along Grays line S 73-1/4 E 88 +ing branch in all 110-1/2 to Newsom's Corner pointers White oak & hickory thence from 11 to 12 along his line S 4-1/2 W 33-1/2 poles +ing branch in all 95 poles to middle of a branch by a large rock thence down the branch as it meanders S 82-1/2 W 7 poles N 63-1/2 W 7 poles North 4 poles 10 links S 87-1/2 W 13 poles 10 links to planted Stone on north Side of branch thence from 16 to 1 S 7-1/4 W 66-1/2 poles to the first Station. To have and to hold the aforesaid land and tenements With all and Singular the premises and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise thereunto appertaining With every part and parcel thereof to him the Said James W Garner his heirs and assigns forever and the Said John Q A Wright & Mary Gilbert Wright his Wife for themselves and their heirs forever & doth hereby covenant and agree With the Said Garner that they the Said John Q A Wright & Mary Gilbert Wright his Wife Will Warrant and forever defend the right and title of the aforesaid land and premises free from the claim, or claims of all and every person or persons Whatever to him the Said James W Garner his heirs and assigns forever In Witness Whereof the Said John Q A Wright & Mary Gilbert Wright his Wife has hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals the day and year first above Written

John Q A Wright
Mary G Wright

Bedford County & State of Virginia to Wit

John Claytor Justice of the peace in the county & State aforesaid Certify that John Q A Wright Whose name is Signed to the Writing above bearing date on the 13th day of January 1854 has acknowledged the Same before us in the State aforesaid

Given under our hands this 14th day of January 1854

Jno Claytor JP

Bedford County & State of Virginia to Wit

We H Kasey Jr & John Claytor Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford & State of Virginia do Certify that Mary Gilbert Wright the Wife of John Q A Wright Whose names are Signed to the Within Writing bearing date on the 13th day of January 1854 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her. She the Said Mary Gilbert Wright acknowledged the Said Writing to be her act & declared that She Willingly executed the Same and does not Wish to retract it Given under our hands this 14th day of January 1854

H Kasey Jr. JP
Jno Claytor. JP

At a Court held for Bedford county the 23rd day of January 1854

This deed from John Q. A. Wright & Mary G his Wife to James W Garner Conveying real estate Was produced in Court together With the Certificate of acknowledgment & relinquishment thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on November 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	November 13, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Jno. Q. A. Wright
Mother's Name:	Mary G. Wright"

On January 13, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/448 John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright sold 3 acres of land to Silas Dearing:

"This deed made the 13th day of January in the year 1854 between John Q A Wright & Mary G his wife & Preston & Leftwich Witnesseth that the said John Q A Wright & Mary G his wife in consideration of the Sum of one hundred and ninety dollars & fifty cents doth grant with general warranty unto the said Preston & Leftwich one certain lot or tract of land lying & being in the County of Bedford the same being a part of the land formerly owned by Sarah Medley decd

adjoining the lands owned by the said Preston & Leftwich, known as Pea town tract containing nine acres three Roods & twenty-nine poles and bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a stake & Stone near Goldys shop thence along the lines of the Pea town tract N 14-1/2 E 17-1/2 poles to a stake & Stone on road N 10-1/2 E 48 poles to a stake & Stone on a branch S 83 E 8 poles to stake & Stones N 4-1/2 E 17 poles to a rock on a branch corner to Nath Newsom thence down the said branch as it meanders S 78 W 7 poles N 69-3/4 W 6 poles N 5-3/4 W to poles N 69-3/4 W 3-1/2 poles S 64-1/2 W 3 poles to a Willow & rock on said branch thence off a new line S 7-1/2 W 66-1/2 poles to a stake & stone on the road thence down the Same on the North edge S 8-1/2 E 7 poles 9 links to a stake and rocks in Gooldys line thence along his line N 66-1/4 E 6-1/2 poles to the first Station Witness the following signature & seals

John Q A Wright
Mary G Wright

County of Bedford & State of Virginia

I John Claytor & A Kasey Jr Justices of the peace in the County & State aforesaid certify that John Q Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 13th day of January 1854 has acknowledged the Same before us in state aforesaid Given under our hands this 14th day of January 1854.

Jno Claytor J.P.
A Kasey Jr J.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to Wit.

We Alexander Kensey Jr & John Claytor Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Mary G. Wright the wife of John Q Wright whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date on the 13th day of January 1854 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid aforesaid & being examined by us privately & apart from her husband & having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary G Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly Executed the same & does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 14" day of January 1854

A Keny Jr J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court December 25th 1854

This deed from John Q A Wright and Mary G his to Preston & Leftwich conveying real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificate of acknowledgement and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On January 13, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/192 John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright sold 9 acres of land to Preston & Leftwich:

"This deed made the 13th day of January in the year 18__ John Q A Wright & Mary G his wife & Preston & Leftwich __ that the said John Q A Wright & Mary G his wife in ___ of the Sum of one hundred and ninety dollars & fifty ___ doth grant with general warranty unto the said Preston ___ one certain lot or tract of land lying & being in the County ___ the same being a part of the land formerly owned by ___ decd adjoining the lands owned by the said Preston & Left___ as Pea town tract containing nine acres three Roods & two ___ and bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a stake & Stone ___ Goldys shop thence along the lines of the Pea town tract ____ poles to a stake & Stone on road N 10-1/2 E 48 poles to a stake & ___ a branch S 83 E 8 poles to stake & Stones N 4-1/2 E 17 poles to a ___ a branch corner to Nath Newsom thence down the said ___ as it meanders S 78 W 7 poles N 69-3/4 W 6 poles N 5-3/4 W to ___ N 69-3/4 W 3-1/2 poles S 64-1/2 W 3 poles to a Willow & rock on ___ branch thence off a new line S 7-1/2 W 66-1/2 poles to a stake ___ the road thence down the Same on the North edge S 8-1/2 ___ 9 links to a stake and rocks in Goldys line thence along ___ N 66-1/4 E 6-1/2 poles to the first Station Witness the following signa___

John Q A Wright
Mary G Wright

County of Bedford & State of Virginia

I John Claytor & A Kasey Jr Justices of the peace ___ County & State aforesaid certify that John Q Wright ___ is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 13th of January 1854 has acknowledged the Same before us in ___ Given under our hands this 14th day of January 1854.

Jno Claytor
A Kasey Jr

State of Virginia Copunty of Bedford to Wit.

We Alexander Kensey Jr & John Claytor Justices of the ___ the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify ___ Wright the wife of John Q Wright whose names are signed ___ writing bearing date on the 13th day of January 1854 ___ before us in the County aforesaid aforesaid & being examined ___ & apart from her husband & having the deed aforesaid ___ed to her she the said Mary G Wright acknowledged t___ writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly ___ & does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 14" ___ January 1854

A Keny Jr
Jno Claytor

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court December 25th 1854

This deed from John Q A Wright and Mary G his to Preston & Leftwich ___ing real estate was produced in the said office together with the certificate of acknowledgement and relinquishment thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On or about January 31, 1855, John Q. A. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 679, against Joel M. Wright for profits due from a partnership for peddling merchandise. A copy of the complaint was not among the papers in the file, but the gist of the complaint can be determined from the answer of Joel M. Wright filed on April 4, 1855:

"To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford in Chancery sitting the answer of Joel M. Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited in this Court against him by a certain John Q. A. Wright - now and at all times saving to himself the benefit of all proper exception to the same for answer saith - that he admits that in the year 1849 he entered into a copartnership with the plaintiff under the style of John Q A and Joel M Wright for the purpose of pedling goods - that the said plaintiff was to furnish goods for the purpose - that this respondent was to peddle them -that they were to divide the profits after paying expenses -that the partnership was to continue for one year - and that the capital put in by the plaintiff was to be repaid him - having regard however to all losses and casualties of every kind - this respondent being expected of course to act with proper prudence in the business and in the sales of the goods. That this respondent was not restricted business to the Counties of Bedford and Roanoke as stated in the bill. That in pursuance of the agreement the plaintiff did furnish

goods during part of the year to the amount of near $900 - perhaps a little over, but less than $1000: as he has not the bills of goods now before him - that the said goods were placed in trunks and locked and the keys kept in possession of this respondent - that he did peddle the said goods and sell such as were saleable there being many that were of an old stack that were unsalable - though the plaintiff agreed to furnish such goods as would pay a profit. That the amount of goods sold or the value thereof was above $900 which was the full value of so many as were disposed of. That the balance that could not be sold were brought back to the office of the plaintiff where they were left in the trunks til such time as an inventory could be taken of them so as to be fully accounted for in a settlement to be made thereafter with the plaintiff that said trunks were in fact in the keeping of the plaintiff though this respondent held the keys thereof and the said trunks and goods were placed there with the consent of the plaintiff he being present and assenting to that disposition of them: the office aforesaid was near the store when the said plaintiff had just before been selling goods but having quit the business he moved his books &c just across the road to the office aforesaid where the plaintiff transacted all the business connected with his late mercantile affairs. Said goods were most of them not very saleable an old stock that the plaintiff had had on hand in his store for several years and had passed in all probability from one concern to another for many years as the firms changed at the place (Pea Town) from time to time. These goods and all others had been priced by the said plaintiff who was an experienced merchant of some years while this respondent had no knowledge whatever (acquired in that way) of the value of goods. He had supposed the plaintiff would of course deal fairly with him, but he is fully satisfied that the goods were priced so high that it was impossible to make much profit and a portion of them he was compelled to sell at cost or less particularly of the old stock.

That the goods in the trunks aforesaid were many of them taken out of the trunks by the said John Q A Wright in the absence of this respondent and sold by him - many of them. The trunks having either been broken open by the plaintiff or otherwise entered and upon this respondents going to the office and seeing the condition of the trunks and goods the said plaintiff said he would account for them. The stack of goods in the trunks was worth about $300 and this respondent is very confidant it was worth that sum from the estimates he made, but of which he has not a memorandum with him at this time but he thinks he has such a one at home. So it is the said John Q A. Wright has had the entire benefit of said surplus stock of goods which though of the value aforesaid was too small a stock to peddle with. This respondent in consequence of having no sufficient stock of goods to peddle with was compelled to return home about the middle of August and so lost the entire year almost (except when he was employed in pedling) from all other business that culd pay any profit to him for that year.

This respondent says that he has paid the said John Q A. Wright in cash on account of the said concern or in articles equivalent to it the sum of about $790 or upwards a list of which payments he here files. That the said Wright the plaintiff is properly accountable for the price of the trunks and goods as aforesaid of $300. That besides this he this expenditure paid expenses (which had to be taken off before any profit was divisable) the sum of $127.05 as will be seen by an a/c filed and that also there was or are now $42.34 of bad debts which were made in making some credit sales & against which this respondent could not guard if he sold at all in that way.

This respondent insists that the business was unprofitable -that he realised no profit from it but was a loser and if good conscience is to govern in this case the said plaintiff should pay to this respondent a fair value for his services - and that he has over paid the said plaintiff what he is fairly entitled to. That the said plaintiff was not only bound to furnish the goods, but the capital was composed in part of a carry all and horse - that the said plaintiff was bound to furnish these things but only furnished the carryall. This respondent agreeing to furnish a horse as he did - the carryall has been retained by the said plaintiff since the business closed as his own property and therefore no charge for true is proper to be made against the said defendant

Now having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs by him about his defence expended denying all fraud

Joel M. Wright

Bedford Co to Wit

This day Joel M Wright made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said Co that he believes the foregoing answer to be true given under my hand 11th April 1855

Jesse Jeter J.P."

On April 7, 1855, in File 679 the court ordered an accounting for the partnership accounts:

"At a circuit court held for Bedford County the 7 day of April 1855

John Q. A. Wright Pltf
against
Joel M. Wright Deft
In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, exhibits, answer of the defendant replication thereto, and was argued by counsel - on consideration whereof; the court doth adjudge, order, and decree that one of the commissioners of this court do take an account of the partnership transactions between the plaintiff and the defendant and state and settle and report the same to this court with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or required by either of the parties to be so stated - and in the settlement of the said accounts liberty is reserved to either of the parties to file interrogatories to the other, touching the settlement of said account; which shall be answered on oath or solemn affirmation

A copy - Teste R. D Buford Clk"

Depositions of Samuel H. Claytor, Jubal J. Wright, William M. Worley, and James O. Wright were taken on August 1, 1855, and the deposition of William B. Jones was taken on August 8, 1855.

On March 8, 1856, in File 679 James W. Garner gave his deposition regarding the dispute:

"The Deposition of James W. Garner of Lawful age taken agreeable to the notice at the Store House of Radford (?) A. Leal (?) & Co in the County of Bedford on the 8th day of March 1856 to be read as evidence in a Suit pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in which John Q. A. Wright plaintiff and Joel M. Wright is defendant

Question by Plaintiff What is your occupation

Answer. Tailor by Trade

Question by the same, where did you work in the year 1849, and was you intimately acquainted with the Mercantile business carried on by John Q. A. Wright at Pea Town.

Answer I worked in a shop across the road nearly opposite the Store House, and was intimately acquainted with said J Q A Wrights Mercantile business

Question by Same. From the idea you have of the goods furnished Joel M Wright in the year 1849, do you think the bill of $857.31 an extravagant bill nor not, Answer

From what I saw I should not think the bill extravagant

Question by Same. From the report of the Defendant, was he making money or not Answer that was my understanding

Question by Defendant. Do you think yourself a competant Judge of the Mercantile business

Answer I do

Question by Defendant. What was the stock of Goods held by John Q. A Wright at the time the above bill was made.

Answer. To the best of my recollection it was a tollerable fair stock

Question by Defendant. Was not there a tollerable large stock of the goods on hand at that time. Answer there was

Question by Defendant. Do you of your own Knowledge Know the Amount of any one bill furnished Defendant.

Answer. I do not

Question by Defendant Who was John Q. A. Wrights Clerk at the time the above goods was furnished Answer William B. Jones I believe

Question by Defendant. Was it not the business of said clerk to Keep up said books

Answer Certainly.

Question by Plaintiff. Was not the plaintiff in the habit of aiding said Jones in Keeping the books of said concern. Answer

Subscribed to

Question by the plaintiff was not James O Wright & John Q A Wright in the habit of ____ & pricing up the goods sold at said Wrights store

Ans. I think they ware

Bedford County to Wit

James W. Garner Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and was duly sworn to the above deposition as the law directs Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1836

A. Kasey J.P."

In about April 1856 in File 679 the commissioner then filed the following report:

"In 1849 John Q. A Wright and Joel M Wright form a copartnership to sell goods as pedlars. John Q. A, was to furnish the goods and Joel M to sell and after the payments of expenses, they to be equal parters in the profits or loss - John Q. A. is to refunded the value of goods furnished the concern in the first place.

The defendant says in his answer that it was an unprofitable speculation and filed what he says is a list of sales, amounting to $900 (paper marked S) But from the depositions of L. H Clayton and Wm B Jones it would seem that he admitted that it was a profitable speculation. It is supposed that as he has rendered no full. of his transactions, that it must charged with the amount of goods furnished by John Q. A. Wright, and credited, by said sums as he has paid

As there is some doubt whether this view is correct I have made alternate statements

Amount Bill of goods furnishing by John Q. A. Wright		$1121.62
deduct paid by Joel M Wright viz.		
1849 Feby 26 By Cash	20	
" Apl 23 " "	60	
" May 7 " "	39	
" " 22 " "	20	
" June 14 " "	59	
" " 25 " "	25	
" July 14 " "	20	
" Aug 27 " "	45	
" Oct 13 " "	33	
1850 Jany 12	85	
1849 Dec 3	32.20	
1850 Feb 25	11.05	
" March 21	23.22	
" Apl 9 - Bond	119.31	

"	" amt a/c		28.00	
	Cash	25	724.77	
	Bal.			396.85
	Debt goods returned		52.21	
	Carry all returned		50.00	
	goods in trunks returned		115.51	217.78
	Bal - due J. Q. A. Wright			179.07"

On September 27, 1856, in File 679 Joel M. Wright requested a continuance to secure a witness, but John Q. A. Wright objected on the grounds that the motion was for the purpose of delay and that Joel M. Wright was becoming insolvent:

"Virginia County of Bedford to Wit

This day Joel M. Wright came before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that Joseph Heller is a material witness for him on the trial of a suit on the Chancery side of the Circuit Court of Bedford in the name of John Q. A. Wright against him and that he has been unable until within the last month to ascertain the place of his the said Heller's residence so as to take his deposition and now he does not know the particular place but has learned that he resides in the State of California. He has made every effort to find out the exact place of his residence but has not been able to do so since he was informed that he lived in California. He deems him a very material witness in said cause and he cannot prove the same facts by any one else that he knows of. If the cause aforesaid is continued he thinks he will be able by the next time to obtain his evidence. Given under my hand this 27th of September 1856

Ro. G Bell J.P.

I do not think this case ought to be continued on the facts stated in the within affidavit. The Bill was filed in March 1855 an a/c ordered at the April term 1855, a/c taken and returned April, 1856, and the a/c stands now without an exception to it Nothing is heard of the materiality of the witness Heller until the case is called for trial more than 18 months after the bill is filed

The within affidavit does not show a case of proper diligence it merely states that the affiant has been unable to ascertain the residence of the witness until within the last month, that since he has ascertained that he resided in California he has used every effort to find out the exact place of his residence but has not done so. There is no statement that for the 18 months previous he had made any effort to find out his residence. I think it is merely an effort to get a continuance simply for delay. My client thinks it important to have the case tried this term as the

defendant is in failing circumstances and he thinks if the case is continued he will lose his demand by reason of the insolvency of the deft. The case stands on the a/c to which there is no exception.

29 Sept 1856 Johnson for pltff"

On October 2, 1856, in File 679 and at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 3/384 the court approved the commissioner's report and subject to an additional credit ordered payment by the defendant:

"1856 October 2nd

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Wharton made in pursuance of a decree in this cause at a former term, to which report there is no exception. On consideration whereof the Court approving said report doth confirm it but the plaintiff being willing to allow the defendant an additional credit of Twenty six dollars and eleven cents for a carryall, and a statement having been made at the bar marked A on which the said sum of Twenty six dollars and eleven cents is credited, and which statement shows a balance due the plaintiff of Seventy dollars and ninety two cents, as of the 1st May 1850. And the Court approving said statement A. doth adjuge, order and decree, that the defendant Joel M. Wright do pay to the plaintiff John Q. A. Wright the sum of Seventy dollars and ninety two cents with interest after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 1st day of May 1850 till paid, and that the said defendant do pay to the plaintiff his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended."

In March 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/325 John Q. A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Edmund Medley to secure a debt due to John Q. Dickinson.

On October 10, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/57 John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright sold all of their interest in 171 acres of land to David M. Newsom:

"This Deed made this 10th day of October A.D. 1859 Between John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright his wife of the first part and David M Newsom of the second part Witnesseth That in consideration of the sum of Twelve Hundred & Eighty two dollars & fifty cents the said John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright his wife do grant bargain & sell unto the said David M. Newsom with General warranty, all their interest right and title in and to that certain tract or parcel of Land, lying and being in Bedford Cty and containing 171 acres be the same more or less it being the land that was allotted to Mary E. Williamson as her dower portion of the lands of William M. Williamson decd that being One half of the aforesaid

tract or parcel of Land. And bounded as follows Beginning at Spanish oak stump & white oak pointers on the side of the Buck Mountain representing on the plat at figures 17 thence from 17 to 18 along Quarles line S. 22-1/2 E. 59 poles to a large rock on the North side of Pates Road Carneys corner thence with his line from 18 to 20 N. 69-1/4 W xing the road 9 poles & 18 links to a rock pile S. 4-1/4 W. 122 poles to the middle of Stony fork Creek at the mouth of a small branch Jordans corner thence up the branch as it meanders with Jordans line S. 44-1/4 W. 7 poles S. 62-3/4 W 8 poles & 10 links to a large poplar in the branch S. 57-1/2 W. 9 poles S. 31-1/2 W. 18 poles & 20 links to a small Locust represented in the plat at figure 24 thence from 24 to 25 S. 15-1/2 W. 67 poles to a small hickory near a pair of draw bars N. 72-1/4 W. xing Jordans road 61 poles & 9 links to a black oak from 26 to 27 N. 9-3/4 E. xing the road 5 poles & 15 links to small white oak thence from 27 to A. N. 69 W 10-1/2 poles to pointers black & post oak new corner thence from A to B. a new dividing line between lots 1 & 2 N. 15-1/2 W. xing a branch 158-1/2 poles to 2 small locusts pointers in the mouth of a hollow thence from B to 17 the Beginning North 60-1/4 E X the creek 2 branches & the road 169 poles The said John Q. A. Wright covenants with the said David M. Newsom that he hath the right to convey the interest in the tract of Land as above named to the said David M. Newsom that he hath done no act to incumber the said interest in said tract of land that the said David M. Newsom shall have queti possession of said interest in said track of land free from all hinderance or incumberance and that the said John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright his wife will execute such further assurances of said interest in the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land hereby conveyed - or intended to be conveyed as may be requisite - Witness the following signatures

John Q. A. Wright
Mary G. Wright

Bedford County (to wit)

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County of Bedford & State of Virginia do certify that John Q. A. Wright whose name is signed to the writing annexed bearing date the 10th day of October 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid - Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1859

Elias James J.P.

Bedford County (to wit)

I Elias James a Notary Public for Bedford County & State of Virginia certify that Mary G Wright wife of John Q. A. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 10th day of October 1859 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being

examined by me privily & apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her, she the said Mary G. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it - Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1859

Elias James N.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of October 1859 - This deed from John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. his wife to David M. Newsom conveying real Estate was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On October 10, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/135 John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright sold 159-1/2 acres of land to David Motley:

"This Deed made this 10th day of October A.D. 1859, between John Q. A Wright and Mary G. Wright his wife of the first part and David Motley of the second - Witnesseth - That in consideration of the sum of Two thousand three hundred and ninety two dollars and fifty cents the said John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. Wright his wife do grant bargain and sell unto the said David Molley with general warranty all that certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County of Bedford & on the waters of Stony fork creek & containing 159-1/2 acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows - Beginning at Pointers, black & white oak corner to dower lands of Mary A E. Williamson Decd, thence along Jordans line N. 69 W. Xing the road & 2 Branches 210-3/10 poles to Newsoms, corner chesnut, thence Newsoms line N. 1 W. 17-1/2 poles X a branch 62 poles X branch at 98-1/2 poles Crossroad in all 147 poles to pile of flint rocks and Sorrel pointers, a new Corner thence off a dividing line between lots, No. 2 & 3 S. 67 E X 2 branches 176 poles to 2 small Locusts pointers in the mouth of a hollow thence with the line of lot No. 1. S. 13 E. 114 poles Xing a branch in all 158-1/2 poles to the beginning The said John Q. A. Wright covenants with the said David Motley that he hath the right to convey the said tract of land to the said David Motley that he hath done no act to incumber the said Land, that the said David Motley shall have quite possession of said Land free from all hinderance or incumberance and that the said John Q A Wright, and Mary G Wright his wife will execute such further assurances of the aforesaid land hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed as may be requisite - Witness the following signatures

John Q A Wright
Mary G Wright

Bedford County to wit

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County of Bedford & State of Virginia certify that John Q A Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date 10th day of October 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid - Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1859

Elias James N.P.

Bedford County to wit

I Elias James a Notary Public for Bedford County & State of Virginia certify that Mary G Wright wife of John Q. A. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing hereunto annexed bearing date 10th day of October 1859 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her, she the said Mary G. Wright the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it - Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1859

Elias James N.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23rd day of January 1860 - This deed from John Q. A. Wright & Mary G. his wife to David Motley, conveying real Estate was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to record

Teste
A. A Arthur CBC"

On October 21, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/54 John Q. A. Wright, Mary G. Wright and David M. Newsom and Susan E. Newsom sold 4 acres of land to Eliase Carner:

"This Indenture made and entered into on the 21st day of October 1859 between John Q. A. Wright and Mary G. his wife and David M. Newsom and Susan E. his wife (heirs of William M Williamson decd) of the first part and Elias Carner of the second part Witnesseth, That the said Wrights and Newsoms of the first doth hereby grant and convey unto the said Elias Carner of the second part all their right and title to a certain Tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia on Bucks Mountain supposed to contain four acres be the same more or less and adjoining the Lands of Joel Huddleston & others it being the same Land that the said William M Williamson decd. sold to the said

Elias Carner in his life time for the sum of Ten dollars, do Witness our hands and seals this _____ day of 21st Oct 1859

Jno. Q. A. Wright
D M Newsom

County of Bedford to wit:

I, Alexr Kasey Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Jno. Q. A Wright and D. M. Newsom whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 21st day of October 1859 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 21st day of October 1859

Alexr. Kasey Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office October 24th 1859

This deed from Jno. Q. A. Wright & D. M. Newsom to Elias Carner conveying real Estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that John Quincey Adams Wright enlisted as a private in Company K of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on July 23, 1861, at Chamblissburg, age 35, was present through May 1, 1862, was elected 1st Sergeant and transferred to Company E on May 28, 1862, was present until he died on July 22, 1862, of typhoid fever in Lynchburg hospital, and was buried near Gish's Mill, Bedford County.

The will of John Q. A. Wright was dated on September 14, 1861, probated on December 22, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 19/146, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen: I Jno, Q. A. Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do hereby make and ordain this as my last will & testament hereby revoking and annulling all other and former wills by me heretofore made, in manner & form following:

First, it is my wish and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors herein after named as soon after my decease as circumstances will admit out of my estate

Secondly. I wish to my son Jno W Wright the folowing Negroes to wit, Frank, Louiza and their child Mahaly and any increase she Louizer may have, to be valued to my son

Thirdly, I wish to my Daughter Mary Rebecca Wright the folowing negroes to wit, Burnet & Elija to be valued to my Daughter, and I hereby direct the representative of my Daughter to sell Burnet if he shall be able to sell him for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars otherwise I wish her to keep him, if her Guardian at any time can sell him for the above sum of $1400.00 I wish him sold

Fourthly, I wish my Beds & Bed clothing to be equally divided between my two children

Fifthly, I wish all my debts to be collected and after making the costs of negroes equal between my two children, I wish the balance of the money to be equally divided between them, I further wish my Executors to take pains in having my children educated

Sixthly, I nominate constitute & appoint my friends David M. Newsom & Jno A Wharton Executors of this my last will & testament
Sept 14th 1861

Jno. Q. A. Wright

At a Court of monthly sessions begun & held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 22nd day of December 1862

This writing purporting the last will & Testament of John Q. A. Wright deceased bearing date the 14th day of September 1861 was produced in Court and proved to be wholly in the handwriting of the said John Q. A. Wright deceased by the oaths of (scratched out) Arthur & John R. Steptoe and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of David M. Newsom one of the Executors in said will named who made oath thereto & together with John W Newsom Henry Loyd (?) and Henry Reas his securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of Twenty thousand Dollars conditioned according to law certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form which bond was ordered to be

recorded John A Wharton the other Executor in said will named appeared in Court and declined qualifying

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

From this record the family of John Q. A. Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: _____ (_____) Wright

Children: 1) Jonathan W. Wright, and

2) Mary Rebecca Wright.

On April 2, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 19/356 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Q. A. Wright dated January 2, 1862, (probably should read 1863) was filed:

"Januay 2th 1862. In persuence to and order of the County Court of Bedford ishued at the December Term 1862 appointing Grief R Adams John F Thaxton & T H Jeter Appraisors to apprais the property belonging to the estate of John Q A Wright, having been first sworn proceeded to examin and apprais the following property

5 Chairs	7.50
1 Bed Stead Bed & Furniture	50.00
1 Bed & Furnature	42.00
1 Yarn Counterpane	18.00
2 Quilts	10.00
1 White Counterpane	10.00
1 Sheete & Spread	2.00
1 Pare Sheets	4.00
2 New Table Cloaths	10.00
3 Old " "	6.00
2 Raisors Strop & Box	4.00
1 Clothes Brush	.50
1 Pr Saddle Bags	10.00
1 Negro Girl Eliza	1200.00
1 Saddle & Bridle	20.00
1 Oven & Lid	2.00
1 Stone Chirn	1.50
1 Tea Kettle	1.00
2 jugs	1.00
2 Tin Buckets	1.25
1 Smoothing Iron & Frying Pan	1.50
2 Tin Pans	1.00

1 Coffee Pot & Mill		.75
1 Set Knives & Fork		3.00
5 Big Spoons & 5 Little Spoons		.50
1 Lot Earthen Ware		2.50
1 Looking Glass		.75
1 Buggy & Harness		135.00
1 Negro Woman & Child Louiza & Eliza Jane		1200.00
1 Child Mahaly		300.00
1 Negro Man Frank		1500.00
1 " " Bennett		1600.00

F H Jeter
G R Adams
J F Thaxton

A List of Bonds now in the Hands of David M Newsom belonging to John Q A Wrights Estate

1 Bond on Flemming Feather	for	$200.00
1 Do on S G Stewart	for	6.87
1 Do " Thomas Board	"	14.00
1 Do " James M Jones	"	587.22
1 " " Elijah Carner	"	195.45
1 " " Robert A Jones	"	13.00
1 " " David M. Newsom	"	2054.30
1 " " Green Dearing	"	200.00
1 " " Joel Franklin	"	70.00
1 " " Giles T Quarles	"	5.00
1 " " David M Newsom	"	641.25
1 " " S L Williams	not assigned	34.45
1 " " John W Ridgway		90.00
1 Bond on J B Holdren		50.00
1 Certificate of Deposit in Bedford Savings Bank		126.72
1 Certificate of Deposit in Citizens Savings Bank		600.00
1 Bond on John Crouch	for	36.53
1 " " F Carpenter	"	165.00
1 " " W Dennis	"	51.00
1 " " Wm J Adams	"	16.00
1 " " W H Hesten	"	52.00
1 " " Adam P Feather	"	20.00
1 " " Wm M Wright	"	8.00
1 " " Green B Meador	"	120.00
1 " " Abijah Douglass	"	30.00

1 Account on James O Wright	"	80.00
1 " Do " John Gibbs	"	80.00

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office the 2nd day of April 1863 This Appraisement of the Personal Estate of John Q A Wright deceased was filed in said Office and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

On April 2, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 19/358 a list of property of the estate of John Q. A. Wright sold on January 2, 1863, was filed:

"A List of Property sold by D M Newsom Executor of J Q A Wright Decd on the 10th day of January 1863

Joseph Mays	2 Chairs Split 55 each	1.10
G R Adams	2 Cain Chairs 1.00 each	2.00
John W Burford	1 Stone Chirn	.80
John Perdue	1 Oven & Lid	2.70
Thomas Dooley	Frying Pan	1.00
John F Preas	1 Smoothing Iron	.80
Alfred Gooldy	1 jug	.50
G R Adams	1 Do	.40
Joel Wright	1 Tea Kettle	1.60
Cash	1 Tin Bucket	1.50
John W. Newsom	1 Do Small	.65
Nathaniel Newsom	Knives & Forks	6.00
Thomas Dooley	1 Wash Pan	1.00
Do Do	1 Dish Pan	2.50
John W Newsom	1 Looking Glass	.75
John F Preas	5 Table Spoons	.90
Alfred Gooldy	5 Tea Spoons	.30
Samuel Hensley	5 Cups & Saucers	2.20
Do Do	4 Plates	1.50
John A W Newsom	1 Dish	2.00
Francis Dickinson	2 Raisors & Case	2.10
Do Do	1 Raizor Strop & Box	1.00
Dr Dunsmore	1 Coffee Mill & Vial	.05
Cash	2 Brushes	.50
Samuel Hensley	1 Coffee Pot	.85
Dr Dunsmore	1 Boalster	2.05
Thomas Dooley	1 Table Cloath	4.00
Wm Lazenby	1 Do Do	1.80

John Thaxton	Do Do	2.00
Thomas Dooley	Do Do	.50
Dr Dunsmore	Do Do	3.15
Wm Lazenby	1 Towel & Spread	.30
Nat Newsom	1 Bridle	6.00
Samuel Hensley	1 Pr Saddle Bags	12.00
Joel Wright	1 Mans Saddle	32.00
Dr Dunsmore	1 Buggy & Harness	202.00
		300.30

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office the 2nd day of April 1863 This List of Sales of the Personal Estate of John Q A Wright deceased was filed in said Office and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On December 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, David M. Newsom and Susan E. (Williamson) Newsom filed a complaint for the sale of certain negro slaves which had been allocated to J. W. Wright and Mary R. Wright in the division as heirs of John Gibbs:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery Sitting

Humbly complaining shew unto your worships your orator and Oratrix David M Newsom and Susan E. his wife formerly Susan E. Williamson that John Gibbs late of this County departed this life after having first made and published his last will and testament, that altho' the said testator made his will which has been duly admitted to probat in Bedford County Court yet he died intestate as to a portion of his property and on a division of the slaves there fell to your Orator and Oratrix and Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright grandchildren of said John Gibbs two slaves a woman about 60 years old and a boy about 14 years old, that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright are infants under the age of twenty one years, and the two negroes cannot be divided in kind and must be sold for distribution. To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises Your Orator & Oratrix pray that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright be made defendants to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof by a Guardian ad litem to be assigned them for that purpose May it please your worships to decree a sale of said slaves and that the proceeds be divided one share to your Orator & Oratrix and one share to each of the infant defendants Grant process &c & all

such other & further relief as the nature of this case may require & equity and good conscience dictate & as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Johnson pq."

In December 1863 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, A. A. Arthur, as guardian ad litem of J. W. Wright and Mary R. Wright, filed his answer to the complaint submitting the matter to the court.

On March 28, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/73 D. M. Newsom Filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"Estate of John Q A Wright dec
In A/c with D M Newsom Exor

Dr

1862				
Dec 19	To Cash paid J W Newsom		1	70.10
22	" Cash paid Tax & Tickets		2	40.41
1863				
Jany 10	" Cash paid Appraisers		3	6.00
"	" Cash paid Hensley Auctioneer		4	2.00
11	" Cash paid for Cloth for Servants clothes		5	6.40
"	" Cash paid for Rolls for Saml		6	.75
	" Cash paid for making same		7	2.25
	" Cash paid for Paper		8	1.00
"	" Cash paid Dr Dunsmore a/c		9	39.00
Sep 17	" Cash paid Tax		10	92.84
Dec 17	" Cash paid A J Hancock a/c		12	15.00
25	" Cash paid A H Dooley		13	12.00
"	" Cash paid S Hensley		14	15.00
	" Amt Admrs a/c		15	149.55
31	" Commissioner for settling a/c			165.00
	" Commission on $677.54			33.87
	" Bal			256.37
				667.54

Cr

1862		
Dec 22	By Cash of Joel Huddleston	221.43
" "	" Cash of J W Mayse	78.53
	" Cash of Ja M Ramsey	89.53
1868		
July 3	" Cash of G B Meador	144.60
Nov 20	" Cash of Joel Franklin	72.20

23	" Cash of A P Feather	36.85
Dec 7	" Cash of Joel Wright	34.40
		667.54
1864		
Jany 1	By Bal due Estate	256.37

I certify that having advertised the same according to law I have settled the account current of the estate of John Q A Wright dec with D M Newsom Exor as above

J A Wharton C
Jany 1864

At a Monthly Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 28th day of March 1864

This Settlement of the accounts of D M Newsom Executor of John Q A Wright deceased was produced in Court and having lain in the Clerk's Office of said Court more than one month and no exception having been taken thereto it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On February 26, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/357 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"The Estate of John Q. A. Wright Decd
In A/C With D M Newsom Exor

1864		Dr		Principal	Int
Jany 4		To amt J. C. Kaseys a/c	1	198.80	
"	14	" " of Confederate Tax	2	85.00	
Dec	9	" " of soldiers tax	3	50.00	
Dec	15	" " of County tax	4	160.00	
	16	" " of General tax	5	250.00	
		" " Commissioner for setting a/c	6	20.00	
Dec	31	" Com on $1291.57		129.97	
		" Bal		654.88	15.36
				1547.76	15.36

1864		Cr		
Jany	1	By Balance due the estate on last settlement	256.37	
		" Amt of J M Jones	689.97	

Feby 4	" Amt of A Douglas Cond	35.30	
"	" " " J W Newsom Sale bond	258.50	
March 4	" " " J H Lemon bond	31.29	
"	" " " F Feather bond	226.33	
Aug 20	" " " J G Kasey acct	50.00	
Dec 31	" Int on $256.37	_____	15.36
		1547.76	15.36
1865			
Jany 1	By Bal due Estate	654.88	15.36

Transaction in Confederate Notes.

I Certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account Current of the estate of John Q. A. Wright Decd With D. M. Newsom exor as above stated.

J. A. Wharton C.
Feby 1, 1865

At a Court of Quarterly Session begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on monday the 26" day of February 1866.

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Executor of the estate of John Q A. Wright Deceased having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court and no exception having been taken thereto it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On about March 17, 1866, David M. Newson filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 937, for an order directing certain debtors of the estate of John Q. A. Wright to pay for the support and education of his wards Jonathan W. Wright and Mary W. Wright:

"To the Hon G A Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Your petitioner David M Newsom respectfully represents that at the December (?) term of the County Court of Bedford County 1862 he was appointed Guardian for Jno W & Mary N Wright infant children of Jno Q A Wright desd, and that he is still their legal Guardian that as Guardian of said infant children there is no property in his hand yielding an income that is available for their Education and maintenance, that their Estate is alltogether in Corporation and personal bond,

and that your petitioner has no legal remeday under the provisions of the Law staying the collection of debts, to force the collection of any part of said debts for the support and Education of said Infant children and that as your petitioner is without remedy at Law and has no money in his hands, belonging to said Infants Estate to apply to their Maintenance and Education and as said Infants are of too tender an age to make a support for themselves and are without any other means of support he prays that the following named parties who are indebted to your petitioner as Executor of J Q A Wright decd as Guardian to wit, W H Carner admr of Elijah Carner and, Septimus L Williams, J W Ridgeway Robert A Jones, Giles T Quarles, Jno Cranch Thomas B Board, Peter Saunders, N Saunders J C Winfre, A Howell, Jesse Howell, Sarah Armentrant, E W Dearing, R W Elam Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter, M Pitzer, A B Feathers G L Fuqua, Anthony P Wright Samel G Stuart, Green Dearing, The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty, be made parties defendants to this petition, and be compelled to contribute rateably according to the amount of their indebtedness to the support and education of said Infants

That your Honor will order one of the Commissioners of this Court to take an a/c of the amount of indebtedness of each of said parties, to the said Infants Estate What amount after assessing of each of said debtors rateably is necessary to the support and Education of said infants, what amount each of said debtors shall pay and whether the amount is to be assessed shall be of the principal or interest And your petioner prays that your Honour will order the payment of such a part either of the principal or interest of said debts, as may seem just __ right, and sufficient for the maintenance & Education of said Infant children, And finally your petitioner prays your Honour will grant him such other and further in the premises as the Equity and Justice of his case may require and he will ever pray &c

David M Newsom
By Council"

On March 17, 1866, in File 937 the court appointed commissioners to determine the amount needed for the children's support and the amount to be contributed by each debtor:

"At Bedford Circuit Court March 17th 1866

On petition of David M. Newsom Guardian of John W. Wright & Mary A Wright alleging that the said wards are dependant for support upon the interest on or principal of certain debts mentioned in said petition the collection of which is stayed by the act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to stay executions for a limited period" passed March 3d 1866 the court doth order that the matter of said petition be refered to one of the Commissioners of this court who is directed

to ascertain and report to this court at the next term what amount is necessary for the support of petitioners wards, what amount each debtor named in said petition shall pay assessing the whol amount upon the debtors ratably and whether the sum assessed upon each shall be principal or interest And the said commissioner is required to give to the debtors named in said petition the notice required by said act

A copy Teste
R. D. Buford Cl B

Commissioners office Bedford County March 1866

To Wm H Carner administrator of Elijah Carner dec Septimus T Williams, Jiles T. Quarles, John Crouch Thomas B Board Peter Saunders N. J. Saunders J. C Winfree, A Howell, Jessee Howell, Sarah Armentent, E. W. Dearing B. W. Elam Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter M. Pitzer, A B Feather, G D Fuqua Anthony P Wright Samuel G. Stewart, Grew Dearing The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty the debters mentioned in the petition refered to in the above decree of David M Newsom Guardian &c petitioner You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 16th day of April 1866 to take and settle at my office in the town of Liberty the matters directed to be taken and settled by the above decree at which time and place you are required to attend

Given under my hand as commissioner of the court aforesaid this the __ day of March 1866

G R Thurman
Comr in Chy. Cir. Ct Bd Cty.

April 13 1866

Executed on A. Howell Sa____ Acmon Thomas B Bord and G L Fuqua by delivering to each of them a true Copy of the Within Summon

W. H. Peas

March 24 1866

Executed by delivering to Samuel G. Stuart Green Dearing E W Dearing and Jess Howell a true Copy of the within Notice

April 5 1866

Wm. H. Preas
Shff BC.

Executed on Joh Croulh Micagha Davis Willialam H Carner Septimus L Williams and A P Wright by delivering to Each of them a true of the within Notice

W. H. Preas Shff BC"

On May 1, 1866, the case was dismissed.

On August 27, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/545 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"Estate of John Q. A. Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom, Exor.

1865		Dr	Prin	Int
1865				
Dec 31		To Commission on $756	37.80	
		" Commission on $2461.30	123.06	
		" Com for settling a/c	5.00	
		" Bal	3706.32	54.64
			3872.18	54.64
1865		Cr.		
Jany	1	By Balance due on last settlement	654.88	15.36
		" Amt bond on D. M. Newsom given before 1861	756.00	
		" Amt exor's bond given to testator	2461.30	
Dec	31	" Int on $654.88 for 1 year		39.28
			3872.18	54.64
1866				
Jany	1	By Bal due estate	3706.32	54.64

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of J. Q. A. Wright's estate with D. M. Newsom Exor. as above

J. A. Wharton C.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 4th 1866.

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom, exor of the estate of John Q. A. Wright, was this day returned and filed in said Office.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C.

At a monthly Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday, the 27th day of August 1866.

This Settlement of the account of D. M. Newsom, exor. of the estate of John Q. A. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court, more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exception having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On July 22, 1867, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/150 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd
In A/c with D. M. Newsom Exor

1867		Dr.	Prin	Int.
July	10	To Cash paid W. V. Jordan fee A/c	1 20.00	
		" Cash paid J. R. Thurman	2 10.00	
Dec 31		To Comr for settling A/C	3 4.00	
		" Com. on $631.88	31.56	
		" Bal	3629.11	223.54
			3694.67	223.54
1866		Cr.		
Jany	1	By Balance due on last settlement $3706.82 worth in gold	3063.34	39.75
Mar		" Cash of A. P. Wright	45.52	
June	17	" Cash of A. P. Feather	13.74	
July 5		" Cash of C. W. Frazier Atty.	162.43	
	23	" Cash of W. A. Jones	2.05	
		" " Cash of G. L. Fuqua	8.78	
Aug	11	" Cash of John Crouch	5.69	
	"	" Cash of T. B. Board	2.21	
Nov.	26	" Cash of M. Pitzer's Admr.	279.38	
Dec.	12	" Cash of C. W. Frazier	46.80	
	"	" Cash of Howell & Co.	64.73	
	31	" Int on $3063.34 for one year		183.79
			3694.67	223.54
1867		Cr		
Jany	1	By Bal due Estate	3629.11	223.54

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of J. Q. A. Wright's Estate with D. M. Newsom Guar. as above.

J. A. Wharton C.
June 1867.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office June 21st 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Executor of the Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd, was this day returned and filed in said Office.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C.

At a Quarterly Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 22nd day of July 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Executor of the Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd. having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

In August 1869 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/484 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"The Estate of John Q A Wright decd
In account with D M Newsom Executor

1867		Dr		Principal	Interest
Mar	16	To cash paid US Internal revenue tax	1	30.00	
May	17	" cash paid tickets	2	7.50	
"	27	" cash paid Wm H Preas	3	7.00	
"	"	" Cash paid tickets	4	9.26	
Dec	31	" Com on $15		.75	
		" Com for settling a/c		3.00	
		" Balance		3587.60	
				3645.11	439.32
1867		Cr			
Jany	1	By balance due estate on last settlement		3629.11	223.54
April	13	" Cash of John Crouch		15.00	

Dec	31	"	Interest on $3629.11 agreeable to disbursments		215.78
				3645.11	439.32
		By balance due the estate		3587.60	439.32

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of the Estate of John Q A Wright decd with D M Newsom his Executor as above

John A Wharton C
November 1868

In Bedford county court August Term 1869

This settlement of the account current of the estate of John Q A Wright deceased having lain in the Clerks office of this court for more one month and no exceptions having been taken thereto was produced in court, examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Allen H Curtiss CB"

On July 25, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 22/226 David M. Newsom filed his accounting for the estate of John Q. A. Wright:

"Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd
In a/c with David M Newsom Executor

1868		Dr.	Principal	Interest
August 1st	To Cash paid Clerk's Tickets		46.47	
"	" " " " " "		36.83	
Oct 1st	" " " Sheriff's		4.00	
	" Balance		3500.30	1085.09
			$3587.60	$1085.09
1868		Cr		
Jany 1st	By Balance due estate on last settlement		3587.60	439.32
1871				
Jany 1st	" Interest on $3587.60 from Jany 1st 1868 to Jany 1st 1871 - 3 years			645.77
			$3587.60	$1085.09
1871		Dr.		
Jany 1st	By Balance due estate		$3500.30	$1085.09

I, John E. Wharton, Commissioner of Accounts for the County Court of Bedford, do certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of David M. Newsom Executor of John Q. A. Wright deceased, as above

J E Wharton

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office June 22nd 1871

This Settlement of the Accounts of David M. Newsom Executor of John Q A Wright deceased was this day filed for exceptions in said Office

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court July 25th 1871

This settlement of the accounts of David M. Newsom Executor of John Q. A. Wright deceased having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

Our Kin stated that John Quincy Adams Wright was a soldier in the Civil War, was born about 1826, and died in Lynchburg of typhoid fever on his way home from the army on July 22, 1862, and that his wife Mary Gilbert Williamson was born about 1831 and died on August 4, 1860, at Paris, Texas.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1862 John Quincy Adams Wright of Bedford County and Mary Gilbert (Williamson) Wright were the following:

1) Jonathan W. Wright, and

2) Mary Rebecca (Wright) Johnson, born in November 1855 at Bedford County, Virginia.

I. Jonathan W. Wright

Jonathan W. Wright was a son of 1862 John Quincy Adams Wright of Bedford County and Mary Gilbert (Williamson) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1862 John Quincy Adams[4])

The will of John Q. A. Wright dated September 14, 1861, and probated on December 22, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 9/146 listed Jno. W. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Secondly. I wish to my son Jno W Wright the folowing Negroes to wit, Frank, Louiza and their child Mahaly and any increase she Louizer may have, to be valued to my son . . . ."

On December 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, David M. Newsom and Susan E. (Williamson) Newsom filed a complaint for the sale of certain negro slaves which had been allocated to J. W. Wright and Mary R. Wright in the division as heirs of John Gibbs:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery Sitting
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your worships your orator and Oratrix David M Newsom and Susan E. his wife formerly Susan E. Williamson that John Gibbs late of this County departed this life after having first made and published his last will and testament, that altho' the said testator made his will which has been duly admitted to probat in Bedford County Court yet he died intestate as to a portion of his property and on a division of the slaves there fell to your Orator and Oratrix and Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright grandchildren of said John Gibbs two slaves a woman about 60 years old and a boy about 14 years old, that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright are infants under the age of twenty one years, and the two negroes cannot be divided in kind and must be sold for distribution. To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises Your Orator & Oratrix pray that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright be made defendants to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof by a Guardian ad litem to be assigned them for that purpose May it please your worships to decree a sale of said slaves and that the proceeds be divided one share to your Orator & Oratrix and one share to each of the infant defendants Grant process &c & all such other & further relief as the nature of this case may require & equity and good conscience dictate & as in duty bound they will ever pray &c
>
> Johnson pq."

In December 1863 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, A. A. Arthur, as guardian ad litem of J. W. Wright and Mary R. Wright, filed his answer to the complaint submitting the matter to the court.

On March 28, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/74 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John W. Wright:

"John W Wright
To D M Newsom Guardian

		Dr
1863		
Jany 1	To Cash paid for 5½ Jeans	21.00
March 5	" Cash paid J W Mayse for Board	31.50
7	" Cash paid for Shoes	5.00
9	" Cash paid S J Walker a/c	4.20
20	" Cash paid A L Harris "	4.10
May 1	" Cash paid for making clothes	4.50
"	" Cash paid for Luster & Silk	9.88
	" Cash paid for making & mending Shoes	6.50
June 1	" Cash paid for Arithmetic	.50
6	" Cash paid for Summer Clothes	8.25
15	" Cash paid for Hats	5.00
"	" Cash paid for Making Clothes	3.00
July 2	" Cash paid for Pens & Holder	1.00
Aug 10	" Cash paid E C Burks	5.00
"	" Cash paid S J Walker	6.65
19	" Cash paid for Mending Shoes	.25
Oct 6	" Cash paid for making Shirts	2.00
Nov 4	" Cash paid for Winter Clothes	94.00
"	" Cash paid for Shoes	12.00
"	" Cash paid for Socks	2.00
	" Cash paid for Drawers	6.00
Dec 1	" Cash paid for making Winter Clothes	12.50
	" Cash paid J W Mayse for Board	58.80
31	" Cash paid J F Thaxton a/c	16.05
	" 3 months Board	45.00
	" Commissioner for settling a/c	5.00
		367.68
	Int on $185.89	2.67
	Amt due Guardian 1 Jany 1864	371.35

I certify that having advertised the same according to law I have settled the account current of John W Wright with D M Newsom Guardian as above

J A Wharton C
Jany 1864

At a Monthly Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 28th day of March 1864

This Settlement of the accounts of D M Newsom Guardian of John W Wright, was produced in Court, and having lain in the Clerk's Office of said Court more than one month and no exception having been taken thereto, it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A A Arthur CB.C."

On February 26, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/355 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John W. Wright:

"John W. Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom Guardian

1864		Dr		
Jay	1	To Balance due Guardian at last settlement	1	271.35
"	"	" Amt paid G. Dearing for Keeping Negro Woman Louisa & Children	2	171.50
"	15	" half soling Shoes	3	4.00
May	26	" Amt paid R. E. Jones for board	4	166.25
Nov	11	" Amt paid Mrs Walker for James	5	38.00
"	"	" Amt B W Jones acct.	6	300.00
	28	" Amt G. W. Holland acct.	7	75.00
Dec	9	" Soldiers Tax	8	20.00
"	16	" Amt General Tax	9	100.00
		" Comr for settling a/c	10	20.00
	31	" Int on $271.35 for one year		16.27
		" Com on $175 at 10 pr. ct.		17.50
				1199.87
1864		Cr.		
Jany	1	By hire of Frank 1863		175.00
Dec	31	" Bal		1024.87
				1199.87

1865		Dr
Jany 1	To Balance due Guardian	1024.87

I Certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account Current of John W. Wright With D M Newsom his Guardian as above

J A Wharton C.
July 1865

At a Court of Quarterly Session begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 26th day of February 1866.

This settlement of the accounts of D M Newsom Guardian of John W Wright having lain in the Clerks Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court, and no exception having been taken thereto it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

On about March 17, 1866, David M. Newson filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 937, for an order directing certain debtors of the estate of John Q. A. Wright to pay for the support and education of his wards Jonathan W. Wright and Mary W. Wright:

"To the Hon G A Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Your petitioner David M Newsom respectfully represents that at the December (?) term of the County Court of Bedford County 1862 he was appointed Guardian for Jno W & Mary N Wright infant children of Jno Q A Wright desd, and that he is still their legal Guardian that as Guardian of said infant children there is no property in his hand yielding an income that is available for their Education and maintenance, that their Estate is alltogether in Corporation and personal bond, and that your petitioner has no legal remeday under the provisions of the Law staying the collection of debts, to force the collection of any part of said debts for the support and Education of said Infant children and that as your petitioner is without remedy at Law and has no money in his hands, belonging to said Infants Estate to apply to their Maintenance and Education and as said Infants are of too tender an age to make a support for themselves and are without any other means of support he prays that the following named parties who are indebted to your petitioner as Executor of J Q A Wright decd as Guardian to wit, W H Carner admr of Elijah Carner and, Septimus L Williams, J W Ridgeway Robert A Jones, Giles T Quarles, Jno Cranch Thomas B Board, Peter Saunders, N Saunders J C

Winfre, A Howell, Jesse Howell, Sarah Armentrant, E W Dearing, R W Elam Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter, M Pitzer, A B Feathers G L Fuqua, Anthony P Wright Samel G Stuart, Green Dearing, The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty, be made parties defendants to this petition, and be compelled to contribute rateably according to the amount of their indebtedness to the support and education of said Infants

That your Honor will order one of the Commissioners of this Court to take an a/c of the amount of indebtedness of each of said parties, to the said Infants Estate What amount after assessing of each of said debtors rateably is necessary to the support and Education of said infants, what amount each of said debtors shall pay and whether the amount is to be assessed shall be of the principal or interest And your petioner prays that your Honour will order the payment of such a part either of the principal or interest of said debts, as may seem just __ right, and sufficient for the maintenance & Education of said Infant children, And finally your petitioner prays your Honour will grant him such other and further in the premises as the Equity and Justice of his case may require and he will ever pray &c

David M Newsom
By Council"

On March 17, 1866, in File 937 the court appointed commissioners to determine the amount needed for the children's support and the amount to be contributed by each debtor:

"At Bedford Circuit Court March 17th 1866

On petition of David M. Newsom Guardian of John W. Wright & Mary A Wright alleging that the said wards are dependant for support upon the interest on or principal of certain debts mentioned in said petition the collection of which is stayed by the act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to stay executions for a limited period" passed March 3d 1866 the court doth order that the matter of said petition be refered to one of the Commissioners of this court who is directed to ascertain and report to this court at the next term what amount is necessary for the support of petitioners wards, what amount each debtor named in said petition shall pay assessing the whol amount upon the debtors ratably and whether the sum assessed upon each shall be principal or interest And the said commissioner is required to give to the debtors named in said petition the notice required by said act

A copy Teste
R. D. Buford Cl B

Commissioners office Bedford County March 1866

To Wm H Carner administrator of Elijah Carner dec Septimus T Williams, Jiles T. Quarles, John Crouch Thomas B Board Peter Saunders N. J. Saunders J. C Winfree, A Howell, Jessee Howell, Sarah Armentent, E. W. Dearing B. W. Elam Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter M. Pitzer, A B Feather, G D Fuqua Anthony P Wright Samuel G. Stewart, Grew Dearing The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty the debters mentioned in the petition refered to in the above decree of David M Newsom Guardian &c petitioner You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 16th day of April 1866 to take and settle at my office in the town of Liberty the matters directed to be taken and settled by the above decree at which time and place you are required to attend

Given under my hand as commissioner of the court aforesaid this the __ day of March 1866

G R Thurman
Comr in Chy. Cir. Ct Bd Cty.

April 13 1866

Executed on A. Howell Sa____ Acmon Thomas B Bord and G L Fuqua by delivering to each of them a true Copy of the Within Summon

W. H. Peas_

March 24 1866

Executed by delivering to Samuel G. Stuart Green Dearing E W Dearing and Jess Howell a true Copy of the within Notice

Wm. H. Preas

April 5 1866 Shff BC.

Executed on Joh Croulh Micagha Davis Willialam H Carner Septimus L Williams and A P Wright by delivering to Each of them a true of the within Notice

W. H. Preas Shff BC"

On May 1, 1866, the case was dismissed.

On August 27, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/546 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John W. Wright:

"J. W. Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom guardian

		Dr.	
1865			
Jany	1	To balance due guardian on last settlement	1024.87
		" Cash paid Dr Dunsmore a/c	15.00
1866			
Jany	1	" Int on $1024.87 for 1 Year	61.54
		" Com for settling a/c	2.50
		Due guardian 1 Jany 1866	1103.81

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of J. W. Wright with D. M Newsom guardian as above.

J. A. Wharton C.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 4th 1866

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom, guardian of J. W. Wright, was this day returned and filed in said Office.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C.

At a monthly Court begun and held for Bedford County, at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday the 27th day of August, 1866.

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom, guardian of J. W. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no ecception having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On July 22, 1867, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/166 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John W. Wright:

"John W. Wright
In A/c with D. M. Newsom Guardian

		Dr.	
1866			
Jany	1	To Balance due guardian on former settlement $1103.31 worth in gold	106.47

Apl.	4	"	Cash paid Brosius & Bro.	1	4.50
May	29	"	Cash paid J. T. Cundiff	2	1.40
	"	"	Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor	3	.90
		"	Cash paid for making coat	4	.38
June	19	"	Cash paid J. S. Kasey	5	.45
July	6	"	Cash paid D. B. Payne	6	3.00
	"	"	Cash paid J. P. Bell	7	2.00
	30	"	Cash paid W. W. Leftwich	8	3.00
"	"	"	Cash paid Kate H. Burton	9	.75
		"	Cash paid J. F. Thaxton	10	1.17
Oct.		"	Cash paid W. W. Leftwich	11	10.75
	22	"	Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor	12	.90
Dec.	25	"	Cash paid C. H. Calvert	13	5.00
		"	1 years board	14	96.00
		"	Comr for settling A/c	15	3.00
	31	"	Int on $106.47 for one year		6.38
1867					
Jany	1		Due Guardian		246.05

I certify that having advertised the same according to law I have settled the account current of John W. Wright with D. M. Newsom as above.

J. A. Wharton C.
June 1867.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office June 21st 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of John W. Wright was this day returned and filed in said Office.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court July 22nd 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of John W. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C."

In August 1869 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/478 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of John W. Wright:

"John W Wright
In account with D. M Newsom Guardian

1867		Dr		
January 1	To balance due Guardian on last settlement			246.05
October 19	" Cash paid P. S. Huddleston			1406
	" Cash paid expenses to Lynchburg on business		2	8.00
December 25	" Cash paid John P Compton			365
31	" Commission for settling a/c			200
	" Interest on $246.05 for one year			14.76
				290.52
1868				
January 1	" Amount due Guardian			290.52

I certify that having advertised the same according to Law, I have settled the account current of John W. Wright with D M Newsom Guardian as above

John A Wharton
Nov. 1868

In Bedford County Court August Term 1869

This Settlement of the account of John W Wright with D M Newsom Guardian having lain in the clerks office of this court for more than one month was produced in court, and no exceptions having been taken theret, It was examined Confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Allen H Curtiss CBC"

On January 24, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 22/173 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of J. W. Wright:

"J W Wright
In a/c with D M Newsom guar

1868		Dr		
March 14	To Cash paid S. G. Stewart		1	8.00
	" Cash paid Abram Carney		2	16.00
	" Cash paid Dr Brown		3	1.25
Dec 31	" Cash paid Commissioner		4	2.00

"	"	Bal due guardian on last settlement	290.52
	"	Int	15.40
		Amt due guardian 1 Jany 1869	333.20

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I certify that having advertised the same according to law I have settled the account current of J W Wright with D W Newsom guardian as above

J A Wharton Com

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 16th 1870

This settlement of the accounts of D. W. Newsom Guardian of J W Wright was this day filed for exceptions in said Office.

Teste
Ro S Quarles, C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court January 24th 1871

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of J. W. Wright having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court for more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

ii. Mary Rebecca (Wright) Johnson, Her Husband George Washington Johnson, And Her Descendants

Mary Rebecca (Wright) Johnson was a daughter of 1862 John Quincy Adams Wright of Bedford County and Mary Gilbert (Williamson) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1862 John Quincy Adams[4])

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on November 13, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	November 13, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive

Father's Name: Jno. Q. A. Wright
Mother's Name: Mary G. Wright"

As will be set forth below, this was the birth record of Mary Rebecca (Wright) Johnson.

The will of John Q. A. Wright dated September 14, 1861, and probated on December 22, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 19/146 identified Mary Rebecca Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Thirdly, I wish to my Daughter Mary Rebecca Wright the folowing negroes to wit, Burnet & Elija to be valued to my Daughter, and I hereby direct the representative of my Daughter to sell Burnet if he shall be able to sell him for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars otherwise I wish her to keep him, if her Guardian at any time can sell him for the above sum of $1400.00 I wish him sold . . . ."

On December 28, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, David M. Newsom and Susan E. (Williamson) Newsom filed a complaint for the sale of certain negro slaves which had been allocated to Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright in the division as heirs of John Gibbs:

> "To the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Bedford in Chancery Sitting
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your worships your orator and Oratrix David M Newsom and Susan E. his wife formerly Susan E. Williamson that John Gibbs late of this County departed this life after having first made and published his last will and testament, that altho' the said testator made his will which has been duly admitted to probat in Bedford County Court yet he died intestate as to a portion of his property and on a division of the slaves there fell to your Orator and Oratrix and Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright grandchildren of said John Gibbs two slaves a woman about 60 years old and a boy about 14 years old, that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright are infants under the age of twenty one years, and the two negroes cannot be divided in kind and must be sold for distribution. To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises Your Orator & Oratrix pray that the said Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright be made defendants to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof by a Guardian ad litem to be assigned them for that purpose May it please your worships to decree a sale of said slaves and that the proceeds be divided one share to your Orator & Oratrix and one share to each of the infant defendants Grant process &c & all

such other & further relief as the nature of this case may require & equity and good conscience dictate & as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Johnson pq."

In December 1863 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6547, A. A. Arthur, as guardian ad litem of Mary R. Wright and J. W. Wright, filed his answer to the complaint submitting the matter to the court.

On March 28, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/69 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom guardian (No. 1)

1868		Dr		
Jany	3	To Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor a/c	1	1.67
March	16	" Cash paid S. G. Stewart "	2	8.00
Apl	30	" Cash paid J. M. Ragland "	3	1.00
	"	" Cash paid S Hoffman "	4	8.90
May	25	" Cash paid N. W. Robertson "	5	62.50
June	8	" Cash paid Susan Dooley "	6	1.00
	27	" Cash paid J. E Potts "	7	30.00
	28	" Cash paid S. L. Dunton "	8	12.00
Sepr	4	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor "	9	9.75
	7	" Cash paid S. Hoffman "	10	3.15
Nov	6	" Cash paid Matthias & James "	11	1.25
	17	" Cash paid J Clift "	12	2.50
Dec	"	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor "	13	1.67
		" Cash at sundry times	14	3.00
		" Commissioner		5.00
		" Bal due guardian on a/c of 1867		95.11
		" Int on $95.11 for one year		5.70
		" Int on $112 for 6 months		3.06
		Amt due guardian 1 Jany 1869		255.16

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I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of May R. Wright with D. M Newsom guar as above

J A Wharton C

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 16th 1870

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright was this day filed for execeptions in said Office

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court January 24th 1871

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court for more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 26, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/354 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R Wright
In a/c with D M Newson Guardian

1864		Dr		
Jany	14	To amt Con Tax	1	18.
Mar	20	" pr half soles	2	4.
Sept	13	" Amt of J F Thaxtons acct.	3	36.
"	28	" 5 yds of Gingham	4	60.
Oct	28	" Amt Mrs Walden's school acct.	5	50.00
Nov	1	" amt Mrs Barton's acct.	6	6.
	7	" Amt E. Carners acct.	7	58.
Dec	9	" Amt soldiers Tax	8	25.2
	"	" One pair Shoes	9	30.00
	16	" Amt General Tax	10	129.00
	31	" 12 Months board at $35.00	11	420.00
		" Com for settling a/c	12	20.00
	31	" Com on $103.36		10.3
		" Bal		548.1
				1414.8

1864		Cr	
Jany	1	By Balance due on last settlement	1311.17
"	"	" Hire of Eliza for 1863	25.00
Dec	31	" Int on $1311.17	78.61

1865
Jany 1 By Bal due Mary R. Wright 548.18

I Certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account Current of Mary Wright With D. M. Newson her Guardian, as above

Jany 1865 J. A. Wharton C

At a Court of Quarterly Session begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Mon__ the 26th day of February 1866.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newson Guardian of Mary R. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court, and no exception having been taken thereto it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On about March 17, 1866, David M. Newson filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 937, for an order directing certain debtors of the estate of John Q. A. Wright to pay for the support and education of his wards Jonathan W. Wright and Mary W. Wright:

"To the Hon G A Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Your petitioner David M Newsom respectfully represents that at the December (?) term of the County Court of Bedford County 1862 he was appointed Guardian for Jno W & Mary N Wright infant children of Jno Q A Wright desd, and that he is still their legal Guardian that as Guardian of said infant children there is no property in his hand yielding an income that is available for their Education and maintenance, that their Estate is alltogether in Corporation and personal bond, and that your petitioner has no legal remeday under the provisions of the Law staying the collection of debts, to force the collection of any part of said debts for the support and Education of said Infant children and that as your petitioner is without remedy at Law and has no money in his hands, belonging to said Infants Estate to apply to their Maintenance and Education and as said Infants are of too tender an age to make a support for themselves and are without any other means of support he prays that the following named parties who are indebted to your petitioner as Executor of J Q A Wright decd as Guardian to wit, W H Carner admr of Elijah Carner and, Septimus L Williams, J W Ridgeway Robert A Jones, Giles T Quarles, Jno Cranch Thomas B Board, Peter Saunders, N Saunders J C Winfre, A Howell, Jesse Howell, Sarah Armentrant, E W Dearing, R W Elam

Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter, M Pitzer, A B Feathers G L Fuqua, Anthony P Wright Samel G Stuart, Green Dearing, The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty, be made parties defendants to this petition, and be compelled to contribute rateably according to the amount of their indebtedness to the support and education of said Infants

That your Honor will order one of the Commissioners of this Court to take an a/c of the amount of indebtedness of each of said parties, to the said Infants Estate What amount after assessing of each of said debtors rateably is necessary to the support and Education of said infants, what amount each of said debtors shall pay and whether the amount is to be assessed shall be of the principal or interest And your petioner prays that your Honour will order the payment of such a part either of the principal or interest of said debts, as may seem just __ right, and sufficient for the maintenance & Education of said Infant children, And finally your petitioner prays your Honour will grant him such other and further in the premises as the Equity and Justice of his case may require and he will ever pray &c

David M Newsom
By Council"

On March 17, 1866, in File 937 the court appointed commissioners to determine the amount needed for the children's support and the amount to be contributed by each debtor:

"At Bedford Circuit Court March 17th 1866

On petition of David M. Newsom Guardian of John W. Wright & Mary A Wright alleging that the said wards are dependant for support upon the interest on or principal of certain debts mentioned in said petition the collection of which is stayed by the act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to stay executions for a limited period" passed March 3d 1866 the court doth order that the matter of said petition be refered to one of the Commissioners of this court who is directed to ascertain and report to this court at the next term what amount is necessary for the support of petitioners wards, what amount each debtor named in said petition shall pay assessing the whol amount upon the debtors ratably and whether the sum assessed upon each shall be principal or interest And the said commissioner is required to give to the debtors named in said petition the notice required by said act

A copy Teste
R. D. Buford Cl B

Commissioners office Bedford County March 1866

To Wm H Carner administrator of Elijah Carner dec Septimus T Williams, Jiles T. Quarles, John Crouch Thomas B Board Peter Saunders N. J. Saunders J. C Winfree, A Howell, Jessee Howell, Sarah Armentent, E. W. Dearing B. W. Elam Jubal D Meador, Henry E Jeter M. Pitzer, A B Feather, G D Fuqua Anthony P Wright Samuel G. Stewart, Grew Dearing The Bedford Savings Bank, The Citizens Savings Bank at Liberty the debters mentioned in the petition refered to in the above decree of David M Newsom Guardian &c petitioner You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 16th day of April 1866 to take and settle at my office in the town of Liberty the matters directed to be taken and settled by the above decree at which time and place you are required to attend

Given under my hand as commissioner of the court aforesaid this the __ day of March 1866

G R Thurman
Comr in Chy. Cir. Ct Bd Cty.

April 13 1866

Executed on A. Howell Sa____ Acmon Thomas B Bord and G L Fuqua by delivering to each of them a true Copy of the Within Summon

W. H. Peas_

March 24 1866

Executed by delivering to Samuel G. Stuart Green Dearing E W Dearing and Jess Howell a true Copy of the within Notice

Wm. H. Preas

April 5 1866 Shff BC.

Executed on Joh Croulh Micagha Davis Willialam H Carner Septimus L Williams and A P Wright by delivering to Each of them a true of the within Notice

W. H. Preas Shff BC"

On May 1, 1866, the case was dismissed.

On July 23, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 20/511 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom Guardian

1865		Dr	
Janu	16	To Cash paid J F Thaxton	301.00
Feby	1	" Cash paid H. C. Victor	62.00
Mach	29	" Cash paid S Hoffman	423.50
		" Cash paid Bale Cotton	90.400
Oct	3	" Cash paid G Gills	25.500
	23	" Cash paid O. H. Vaughan	66.00
		" 1 pr Shoes	27.00
Dec	25	" Cash paid N Richards	18.25
	31	" Com on $126	6.30
		" Com for settling a/c	5.00
		" Bal	460.12
			674.17
1865		Cr	
Jany	1	By Balance due on last Settlement	548.17
Mch	1	" Int on $1200 confederate bond for one year at 8 per ct	96.00
Dec	31	" Int on $500 for one year	30.00
			674.17
1866			
Jany	1	By Bal due Ward	460.12

I Certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account Current of Mary R Wright with D M Newsom her Guardian as above.

Jno A Wharton
April 25 1866

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on monday the 23rd day of July 1866 in the 91st year of the Commonwealth. This Settlement of the accounts of D M Newsom Guardian of Mary R Wright having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court, more than one month, was produced in Court and no exception having been taken thereto, it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On July 22, 1867, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/165 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardinship estate of M. R. Wright:

"Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd
In A/c with D. M. Newsom Exor

1867		Dr.	Prin	Int.
July	10	To Cash paid W. V. Jordan fee A/c	1 20.00	
		" Cash paid J. R. Thurman	2 10.00	
Dec 31		To Comr for settling A/C	3 4.00	
		" Com. on $631.88	31.56	
		" Bal	3629.11	223.54
			3694.67	223.54
1866		Cr.		
Jany	1	By Balance due on last settlement $3706.82 worth in gold	3063.34	39.75
Mar		" Cash of A. P. Wright	45.52	
June	17	" Cash of A. P. Feather	13.74	
July 5		" Cash of C. W. Frazier Atty.	162.43	
	23	" Cash of W. A. Jones	2.05	
		" " Cash of G. L. Fuqua	8.78	
Aug	11	" Cash of John Crouch	5.69	
	"	" Cash of T. B. Board	2.21	
Nov.	26	" Cash of M. Pitzer's Admr	279.38	
Dec.	12	" Cash of C. W. Frazier	46.80	
	"	" Cash of Howell & Co.	64.73	
	31	" Int on $3063.34 for one year		183.79
			3694.67	223.54
1867		Cr		
Jany	1	By Bal due Estate	3629.11	223.54

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of J. Q. A. Wright's Estate with D. M. Newsom Guar. as above.

J. A. Wharton C.
June 1867.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office June 21st 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Executor of the Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd, was this day returned and filed in said Office.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C.

At a Quarterly Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 22nd day of July 1867.

This settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Executor of the Estate of John Q. A. Wright decd. having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

In August 1869 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 21/488 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R Wright In account with D. M Newsom Guardian

1867			
Jany	1	To balance due Guardian at last settlement	40.61
	18	" Cash paid F E Newsom	11.25
Feb	26	" Cash paid M Gump	2.50
April	18	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor	4.10
May	14	" Cash paid Engledore	3.00
	22	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor	6.56
		" Cash paid Crenshaw & Co	2.10
		" Cash paid J. O Cundiff	7.80
Sept	14	" Cash paid S Hoofman	6.55
Oct	4	" Cash paid M A Wilkerson	3.27
	7	" Cash paid S Hoofman	15.00
Nov	25	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor	18.92
	26	" Cash paid A A Bell	13.60
	28	" Cash paid J F Thaxton	13.45
Dec	25	" Cash paid J C Compton	12.01
	30	" Cash paid Cundiff & Kasey	11.50
	31	" Commissioner for Settling a/c	15.00
		Interest on $40.60 for 1 Year 2.43	
		Int on $46.51 for 2 Mos 46.	2.89
		Amount due Guardian	95.11

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of Mary Wright with D. M Newsom Guardian as as above

John A Wharton

In Bedford County court August Term 1869 This settlement of the account current ot Mary R Wright with D M Newsom her Guardian having lain in Clerks office of this Court for more than one month and no exceptions having been taken thereto, was produced in Court, and examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Allen H Curtiss Clks"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary R. Wright in the David Newsom household and her age as 16 and born in Virginia:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
David Newsom	41	M	W	Farmer	2700
Susan E. Newsom	35	F	W	Keeping house	
Lelia O. Newsom	15	F	W	At home	
Wm H. Newsom	14	M	W	Salesman	
Eugenia M. Newsom	12	F	W	At home	
Ann E. Newsom	9	F	W		
Ora Newsom	5	F	W		
Mary R. Wright	16	F	W	At home	
Ann Morgan	12	F	M	Domestic Servt	
Saml Williamson	19	M	B	Farm laborer	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
880	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

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On December 16, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 22/174 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R. Wright
In a/c: with D. M. Newsom guardian (No. 2.)

1869				
January 1		To balance due guardian on last settlement		255.56
Mch	4	" Cash pd Kasey & Co's a/c	1	5.35
		" " " Ferguson's "	2	2.50
		" " " Aunspaugh & Claytor	3	2.67
		" " " S. H Hoffman	4	1.30
	20	" " " Aunspaugh Claytor &c	5	3.00
April	8	" " " Miss Burton	6	2.50
		" " " Smith mend'g shoes	7	1.00
	25	" " " Samuel Hoffman	8	1.00
	27	" " " Aunspaugh Claytor &c	9	1.05
	28	" " " Mrs Adie Scott	10	3.00
June	30	" " " S. L. Dunton	11	175.00
	14	" " " Aunspaugh, Claytor &c	12	3.25
July	20	" " " S. Hoffman	13	12.90
October	18	" " A. A. Bell's a/c	14	.52
		" " " " " " "	15	1.50
		" " " Aunspaugh &c	16	1.00
Nov	1	" " " J. F. Thaxton	17	3.00
Dec	25	" " " Aunspaugh &c	18	12.15
Dec	31	" Interest on $255.56		15.33
1870				
January 1		By balance per contra		503.58
1870				
January 1		To balance due guardian		503.58

I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of Mary R. Wright with D. M. Newsom guardian as above

J E Wharton Com'r.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 16th 1870

This settlement of the account of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright was this day filed for exceptions in said Office.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court January 24th 1871

This Settlement of the account of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court for more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 24, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 22/173 D. M. Newsom filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary R. Wright:

"Mary R Wright
In a/c with D. M. Newsom guardian (No. 1)

1868		Dr		
Jany	3	To Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor a/c	1	1.67
March	16	" Cash paid S. G. Stewart "	2	8.00
Apl	30	" Cash paid J. M. Ragland "	3	1.00
	"	" Cash paid S Hoffman "	4	8.90
May	25	" Cash paid N. W. Robertson "	5	62.50
June	8	" Cash paid Susan Dooley "	6	1.00
	27	" Cash paid J. E Potts "	7	30.00
	28	" Cash paid S. L. Dunton "	8	12.00
Sepr	4	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor "	9	9.75
	7	" Cash paid S. Hoffman "	10	3.15
Nov	6	" Cash paid Matthias & James "	11	1.25
	17	" Cash paid J Clift "	12	2.50
Dec	"	" Cash paid Aunspaugh & Claytor "	13	1.67
		" Cash at sundry times	14	3.00
		" Commissioner		5.00
		" Bal due guardian on a/c of 1867		95.11
		" Int on $95.11 for one year		5.70
		" Int on $112 for 6 months		3.06
		Amt due guardian 1 Jany 1869		255.16

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I certify that having advertised the same according to law, I have settled the account current of May R. Wright with D. M Newsom guar as above

J A Wharton C

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 16th 1870

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright was this day filed for execeptions in said Office

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court January 24th 1871

This Settlement of the accounts of D. M. Newsom Guardian of Mary R. Wright, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court for more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The marriage license of Mary R. Wright and George W. Johnson was dated on October 31, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia George W. Johnson and Mary R. Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 31st day of October 1871.

Ro S Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License

Time of Marriage, Novr 2d 1871
Place of Marriage, Bedford County Va
Full names of Parties Married, George W Johnson & Mary R Wright
Age of Husband, 25 years
Age of Wife, 17 years
Condition of Husband (single)
Condition of Wife (single)
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, William & Luncinda Johnson
Names of Wife's Parents, Jno Q A & Mary G Wright
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 31st day of October 1871.

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, that on the 2nd day of November 1871, at the house of David M Newsom Bedford I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

T. C. Goggin
Baptist Minister"

Our Kin stated that Mary Rebecca Wright was born in November 1855, married George W. Johnson on November 2, 1871, and died on October 29, 1917, at Lynchburg, Virginia, that George Washington Johnson was born on June 15, 1845, and that they had the following children:

1) Mary Lucinda (Johnson) Skillman, born on September 10, 1872,
2) John William Johnson, born on February 12, 1874,
3) George Leonard Johnson, born on August 31, 1876,
4) Robert Virgil Johnson, born on July 10, 1880,
5) Olive Estelle (Johnson) Evans, born on May 3, 1884,

6) Homer Fields Johnson, born on June 29, 1886, and

7) Gilbert Johnson, born on October 10, 1889.

c. Mary L. (Wright) Kasey, Her Husband James C. Kasey, And Her Descendants

Mary L. (Wright) Kasey was a daughter of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and Sally (Hardy) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3])

The 1830 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the youngest female in John Wright's household as aged 0 to 5, indicating a birth date for Mary of between 1825 and 1830.

The will of 1840 John Wright dated August 24, 1839, and probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204 listed Mary L. Wright as his daughter:

> ". . . . 4th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary L Wright my two Boys, Andy and Tom, also my Girl Lucy, and one new side saddle now in my house, Three new Bed quilts, and one needle worked white Counterpane, and the value of the colt bequeathed to my son Robert, in cash, ..."

In September 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/113 James Wright was appointed guardian for Mary S. Wright and James O. Wright, orphans of John Wright:

> "Ordered that James Wright be appointed Guardian of Mary S. & James O. Wright children of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with Joel Wright his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the Penalty of $7,000. Conditioned according to law."

On December 25, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/424 James Wright filed an accounting for his ward Mary L. Wright for the period April 10, 1840, through December 31, 1843, which showed payments to Miss E. Taylor for tuition, to Mrs. Henriques for board and tuition, and to John B. Pate for school:

"Mary L. Wright
In a/c with James Wright Guardian

		Dr Principal	Interest
1840			
April 10	To Cash paid for 1 pr shoes	1	1.37
	" 1 pr. winter shoes	2	1.00
	" 4 yds cotton cloth @ 10¢	3	.40

Augst 2	" 5 " black bombazine 9/	4	7.50	
" "	" 2 " Checks	5	.40	
	" 1 pocket handkerchief	6	.38	
	" 1 yd Cambric	7	.17	
	1 box hooks and eyes	8	.06	
July 10	" 1 hair trunk bought in Lynchburg	9	3.25	
" 15	" Making bombazine dress	10	.62	
" "	" 1 yd Calico and partiboard	11	.25	
Novmr 22	" 1 pr shoes bought in Lynchburg	12	1.25	
	" Cash paid for 1 pr blk silk gloves	13	.50	
	" Cash paid for 2 yds blk ribbon	14	.16	
5	" 1 paper pins & dress hhf	15	1.05	
	" 1/2 quire paper	16	.12	
19	" 1 pr winter shoes	17	1.50	
Decmr 20	" Cash paid for mending shoes	18	.18	
31	" Board from 10" April 1840 to date	19	34.66	
			54.82	
1841				
March 28	" Cash paid for mending shoes	20	.18	
May 2	" 1 quire paper	21	.20	
June	" 1 pr Shoes from store	22	1.00	
Sept. 1	" 1 pr do from Austin Atkinson	23	1.25	
29	" Cash paid Miss E. Taylor tuition	24	3.84	
Decmr 18	" Cash paid Miss E. Taylor do	25	3.84	
24	" Cash paid James E. Grigsby	26	4.56	
	" Cash sent by Robert Wright to you at Liberty	27	3.00	
	" 1 pr Stockings	28	.75	
31	" Board from 1st January to 1st September 1841 at $4. pr month	29	32.00	
	" Interest on $54.82 for 1 year			3.28
			105.44	3.28
1842				
Jany 8	" Making 1 Marino dress	30	1.50	
March 1	" Cash paid Mrs. Henrigrins for board & tuition	31	64.00	
	" Cash paid for mending shoes	32	.50	
	" Cash paid Mrs. C. Farnhams A/C	33	2.50	
	" Cash paid for year at Sunday School	34	.10	
Apr. 24	" Cash paid Dr. Clement Medical A/C	35	1.00	
May 23	" Cash paid R. Parker postage A/C	36	.50	
June 21	" 1 pr Stockings	37	.50	
Augst.	" 1 pr. do	38	.50	
18	" Cash paid John B. Pate School A/C	39	3.05	
Sept. 24	" Cash paid for repairing bonnet	40	.62	
	" Cash paid Stephen C. Hurt & Co. A/C	41	70.44	

Decmr 31	" Board from 8th Feby to 14 September 1842 at $4 pr month	41	26.66	
	" Interest on $105.42 for one year			6.32
	To Interest on $64 for 8 Months			2.56
1843				
			276.91	12.16
Feby 27	" Cash paid Wm F. Campbell A/C	42	24.78	
Decmr 31	" Board for 1st Septemr 1843 to date @ $4. pr Month		16.00	
	To amount brought Over		317.69	12.16
	" Interest on $276.91 for one year			16.61
	" Interest brought into Column of principal		28.77	
	" Commission on $140 at 5 Pr Cent		7.00	
			$353.46	

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1843		
Decmr 31	By hire of Tom for 1843 to David Gish	57.50
" "	" hire Andy for same year	70.00
	" hire of Lucy (pregnant) for same year	12.50
	" Balance	213.46
		353.46
1844		
Jany. 1	To Balance due James Wright Guardian	$213.46

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court, I have proceeded to settle the Account of Mary L. Wright with James Wright her guardian, as above stated - some of the articles were furnished by the Guardian himself, for which he has no Vouchers, but being for necessaries they are allowed - none of the hires credited in this are collected, but are believed to be good. Respectfully submitted.

Jn. A. Wharton

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of December 1843.

This account current of Mary L. Wright with her guardian James Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And thereafter to wit, At a Court held for said County the 22d day of January 1844. No exceptions having been taken to said account the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C"

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Mary L. Wright		122	On Staunton

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
25 SW	9.38	900	1144.36	1.44	of Do [John Wrights Est]

This record reflects the allocation of 122 acres of land to Mary L. Wright from the estate of her father 1840 John Wright, but the document of transfer has not as yet been located.

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Mary L. Wright		122	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
25				1.72	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contig-uous Tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre includ-ing buildings	Sum __ __ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & build-ings		Explanations of altera-tions during the preceding expecially from whom transferred
25 SW	_	900	1144.86	1.43	

The marriage bond of James C. Kasey and Mary L. Wright, daughter of John deceased, was dated on October 29, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of James Wright for his ward Mary and Micajah Davis as surety and the marriage on November 1, 1844:

> "The Clerk of Bedford is hereby authorised and requested to issue marriage license for the intermarriage of my ward Mary L Wright with Mr James C. Kasey, Given under my hand this 28th day of Octo 1844.
>
> Witness — James Wright
> M. Davis
> Ed____ Hoffman

Know all men by these Presents - That we, James C. Kasey and Micajah Davis are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 29" day of October 1844.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound James C. Kasey and Mary L. Wright daughter of the late John Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c, James C Kasey
in presence of Micajah Davis

Return of Marriages by James Leftwich from November 1st 1844 up to 1st December 1851

James C Kasey to Mary L Wright Nov 1st 1844
. . . ."

This record identifies Mary L. Wright as the daughter of John Wright. If Mary was at least 16 years of age at the time of her marriage, her date of birth would be probably before 1829. The consent by her guardian to the marriage indicates that she was under 21 years of age at the time of marriage, suggesting a birth date of probably after 1823. Since 1840 John Wright resided in Bedford County all of his life, her place of birth was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses,
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton river

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the _ especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.39	900	1144.36	1.15	

On August 25, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/65 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary L. Wright:

"In account with James Wright guardian Dr

1844			
Jany. 1	To balance due guardian and former settlement		213.46
1843 "	" cash pd tax and land 1842	1	2.19
May 27	" cash paid G W Leftwich in part of a per for board and Tuition	2	30.00
Apl 27	" cash paid Mrs. Franklin for making dress	3	2.75
Sept 25	" cash paid G W Leftwich in pt Board & Tuition	4	50.00
1844			
Jany 1	" cash paid Reid Smith a/c.	5	1.94
Feby 2	" cash paid S C Hurt & Co a/c,	6	27.23
July 22	" cash paid postage on letter	7	.36
" 15	" Cash	8	.25
" "	" 1 raw cotton & 1 spun do	9	.32
" "	" Cash paid clerks ticket 1843	10	.37
Aug 29	" cash paid O P & R G Bell a/c	11	2.47
" 30	" cash paid James Fretwell for shoes	12	1.50
"	" cash paid G W Leftwich and a/c, board & Tuition	13	20.00
"	" cash paid Nichols & Dell a/c,	14	16.25
Sept 3	" cash paid Reid Smith a/c,	15	2.13
Oct 5	" 1 fine Gray horse	16	70.00
15	" cash paid for mending Shoes	17	.38
Nov. 24	" Cash paid G W Leftwich balance	18	3.93
" "	" cash paid Clerks Ticket	19	.75
Dec 31	" cash paid Holt & Steptoe a/c,	20	1.58
" "	" cash paid Mr Franklin on making dress	27	3.00
" "	" Board ten months at $4.50	22	45.00
" "	" Amt commissioners fee for settling this a/c	23	1.00
" "	" commission on $140. at 5 pr cent		7.00
" "	" Int on $213.46 for one year		12.80
" "	" Int on $80 paid G W Leftwich 1 Oct 1843		6.00
" "	" Int on $27.35 for 10 months		1.35
" "	" Int on $36. for 6 months		1.08
			$525.09

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Dec. 31	By hire of Tom to David Gish for 1844	57.50
" "	" " " Andy to James Wright	70.00
" "	" " " Lucy to Matthew Pate	12.50

	Dr	140.00
1845		
Janry. 1	To balance due the guardian	$385.07

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court, I have settled the account of Mary L Wright with James Wright her guardian as above stated

Jn. A Wharton

At a court held for Bedford County the 25th day of August 1845

This guardian account of Mary L Wright with her guardian was produced in court and ordered to be till the next term for exceptions at which to wit at a court held for said county the 27th day of October 1845 no exceptions having been taken to said account the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton river

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton River

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

In February 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/13 the commissioner was appointed to settle the account of James Wright as guardian of Mary L. Kasey, formerly Mary L. Wright:

> "Ordered that John A. Wharton commissioner of this Court state and settle the account current of James Wright as guardian of Mary L. Kasey late Mary L. Wright and report to court."

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton River

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explana tions of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

On June 26, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/268 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary L. Wright:

"Mary L Wright
In a/c with James Wright

1848		Cr			
Dec 31		To your part of exor Ed. Pate for &c /v Jno Wright's Exors		1	55.23
"	"	" Amt Jas C Kasey's bond	150.		
		Int from 14 Sept 1847	12.62	2	162.62
"	"	" Com on $73.75 at 5 pr ct			3.68
"	"	" Com for settling yr a/c		1	1.00
					222.53
1848		Cr			
Apl 1	By Balance due on former settlement				121.11
Dec 31		" 24 Bushels of Jas C Casey 1845 12. Int to date	2.90		14.90
"	"	" hire of Ande 1848			70.00
"	"	" Int on $121.11 from 1 Apl 1848			3.75
		" Bal due Jas Wright			12.77
					222.53
1849		Dr			
Jany 1		To Balance due Jas Wright			12.77

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of Mary L Wright with her guardian James Wright as above

Jn A Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County June 26" 1849

This account of James Wright guardian of Mary L Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions - And afterwards to Wit: At a Court held for said County July 23rd 1849 no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On June 27, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/56 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of Mary L. Wright:

"Mary L Wright
In a/c with James Wright guardian

1845	Dr		
Jany 1	To Bal due guardian on former settlement		385.09
Sept 3	" Cash paid S C Hurt & Co a/c	1	69.44
" "	" Cash paid ticket	2	1.50
Dec. 31	" Com. on $127.50 at 5 pr ct		6.37
" "	" Int on $385.09 for one year		22.24
			484.64
1845	Cr.		
Sept 1	By hire of Tom, to Carner		57.50
" "	" hire of Audy		70.00
Dec 31	" Balance		357.14
			484.64
1846	Dr.		
Jany 1	To Balance		357.14
" "	" Cash paid comr. for settling a/c	3	1.00
Dec 31	" Com. on $127.50 at 5 pr ct.		6.37
" "	" Int on $341.74 for one year		20.50
			385.01
1846	Cr.		
Dec 31	By hire of Tom		57.50
" "	" hire of Audy		70.00
" "	" Balance		257.51
			385.01
1847	Dr		
Jany 1	To Balance		257.51
" "	" 1 feather bed &	4	7.00
" "	" Cash July 1846	5	2.50
" "	" Cash at J. P. Cheek's sale	6	4.15
" "	" Cash paid ticket	7	2.37
" "	" this sum on land purchased of Jubal Barton 22 Feb 1845	8	150.00
" "	" this sum on same account due 1 Jany 1846	9	75.00
" "	" this sum on same account due 1 Jany 1847	10	75.00
" "	" Cash paid ticket	11	9.88
Dec 31	" Int on above sum agreeably to paymt	12	55.41
" "	" Com. on $127.50 at 5 pr. ct.		6.37
			645.19
1847	Cr.		
Dec 31	By hire of Audy 1847		70.00
" "	" hire of Tom "		57.50

"	"	" Balance	517.69
			645.19
1848		Dr.	
Jany 1		To Balance	517.69
Apl 1		" Int.	8.75
"	"	" Your portion of acct. overpaid by Joel Wright	5.54
"	"	" Balance	121.11
			653.09
1848		Cr.	
Apl 1	By 1/2 of $1243.69 due on executorial a/c this day		621.84
"	"	" Jno. Q. A. Wright	12.50
"	"	" Robt Wright	18.75
			653.09
1848		Cr.	
Apl 1	By Balance due Mary L Wright		121.11

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of Mary L Wright with her guardian James Wright as above

Jn. A. Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County June the 27th 1848

This account of Mary L Wright with her guardian James Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie till next term for exceptions.

And at a Court held for said County July the 24" 1848 - no exceptions having been taken hereto said account was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C.

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	On Staunton river

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary L. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Mary L. Wright	Bedford	fee	122	Staunton River

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
25 W	9.38	900	1144.36	1.15	

1850 Bedford County, Va. Census by Marvin U. Neighbors listed James C. Kasey with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Real Estate	Born
James C. Kasey	34	Farmer	$5,000	Virginia
Mary S. Kasey	23			Virginia
Robert P. Kasey	5			Virginia
Sarah A. Kasey	2			Virginia
Berry M. Kasey	10 mos			Virginia

This record indicates that Mary L. (Wright) Kasey was born in about 1827 and that James C. Kasey was born in about 1816.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James C. Kasey in the Davis Mills District with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc
James C. Kasey	43	M		Farmer	10,000	20,000	Virginia				
M. L. Kasey	32	F					Virginia				
K. Y. Kasey	14	M					Virginia		1		
S. M. Kasey	12	F					Virginia		1		
J. W. Kasey	10	M					Virginia		1		
Jas. L. Kasey	8	M					Virginia		1		
Scott Kasey	6	M					Virginia				
E. V. Kasey	4	F					Virginia				
Jas. O. Wright	28	M		Farmer		7,000	Virginia				
M. Wright	25	F					Virginia				
E. Wright	8	F					Virginia				
K. Wright	6	M					Virginia		1		
Samuel Wright	4	M					Virginia				
L. Wright	2	F					Virginia				

This record indicates a date of birth for Mary L. (Wright) Kasey of about 1828 and for James C. Kasey of about 1817.

From the evidence set forth above the children of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey were the following:

1) Robert P. or K. Y.(?) Kasey, born about 1845 or 1846 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Sarah A. or G.(?) Kasey, born about 1848 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Berry M. or I.(?) Kasey, born about 1850 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) James. L. Kasey, born about 1852 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Scott Kasey, born about 1854 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

6) E. V. Kasey, a daughter, born about 1856 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Robert P. Or K. Y.(?) Kasey

Robert P. or K. Y.(?) Kasey was a son of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

1850 Bedford County, Va. Census listed Robert P. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 5, indicating a date of birth in about 1845, and born in Virginia.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed K. Y.(?) Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

ii. Sarah A. Or G.(?) M. Kasey

Sarah A. Or G.(?) M. Kasey was a daughter of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

1850 Bedford County, Va. Census listed Sarah A. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and her age as 2, indicating a date of birth in about 1848, and born in Virginia.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed G.(?) M. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and her age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

iii. Berry M. Or I.(?) Y. Kasey

Berry M. or I.(?) Y. Kasey was a son of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

1850 Bedford County, Va. Census listed Berry M. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 10 months, indicating a date of birth in about 1849 or 1850, and born in Virginia.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed I.(?) W. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

iv. James L. Kasey

James L. Kasey was a son of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas. L. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

v. Scott Kasey

Scott Kasey was a son of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Scott Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1854.

vi. E. V. Kasey

E. V. Kasey was a daughter of Mary L. (Wright) Kasey and James C. Kasey. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], Mary[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed E. V. Kasey in the James C. Kasey household and her age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856.

d. 1872 James O. Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright, And His Descendants

1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1840 John Wright of Bedford County and Sally (Hardy) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3])

The will of 1840 John Wright dated August 24, 1839, and probated on March 23, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/204 listed James O. Wright as one of his sons:

> ". . . . 5th I give and bequeath unto my son James O Wright my four boys, Green, Thornton, Henry and Peter also the sum of Ten dollars in cash, and the amount of the value of Roberts Colt in cash, ..."

In September 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/113 James Wright was appointed guardian for Mary S. Wright and James O. Wright, orphans of John Wright:

> "Ordered that James Wright be appointed Guardian of Mary S. & James O. Wright children of John Wright Deceased. And thereupon he together with Joel Wright his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the Penalty of $7,000. Conditioned according to law."

The Division and Allotment of the estate of 1840 John Wright dated August 8, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/397 allocated 91 acres of land to James O. Wright:

> "August the 8th 1841. In obedience to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at their April term 1841 we the undersigned subscriber have proceeded according to the best of our judgment and to divide and allot to the heirs of John Wright deceased the lands of said decedent according to the will of said testator as represented by the annexed platt Viz . . . .
>
> Lot No. 2. Beginning at A Comptons corner maple stump & corner to lot No. 1, thence from A to B along the line of lot No 1 S. 9-1/4 E 146 poles crossing the creek just below the fork to a gum and red oak on hill side in Joel Wrights line thence along his line S 65-1/2 E Xing a small branch 52 poles to a red oak in

Bowle's line, thence along his line N 35-1/2 E. at 25 poles crossing a branch and thence along Mayse's line same course at 120 poles crossing a branch 124 poles to a pine on a stony point near the main road, thence a dividing lines 80-1/2 W 10 poles in road & along same as it meanders N 68-1/2 W 22 poles across the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek & N 40- 3/4 W. 26 poles & N. 70 W. 26 poles to a stake and stone in the North edge of said road, thence off N. 51 W. 61 poles to a stake at Compton's line, thence along his line _____ white oak in an old road thence S 65-1/2 W 25 poles & S 60-1/2 W 40 poles crossing the main road to the fist station Containing 91 acres and allotted to James O. Wright. . . ."

On December 25, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/422 James Wright filed an accounting for his ward James O. Wright for the period April 9, 1840, through December 31, 1843, and included payments to E. Taylor and James T. Grigsby for tuition, to John B. Pate for school, Marble Taylor for tuition, and J. H. Saxton for writing school:

"James O. Wright
In account with James Wright Guardian

			Dr. Principal	Interest
1840				
April 9	To 1 Chip hat	1	.20	
"	" 1 pr. shoes & socks	2	1.25	
June 2	" 1 Vest and trimmings	3	.50	
	" 1 Coat & trimmings	4	2.31	
	" Making Coat	5	.75	
Novmr	" 5 " Cotton Cloth	6	.63	
	" 5½ " Kentucky jeans 5/3	7	4.81	
	" 1 " ribbon and 1 quire paper	8	.25	
Decmr 1	" Making Coat	9	1.25	
"	" paid for mending shoes	10	.18	
31	" Board from 10th April to 31st Decmr 1840 at $4. pr Month	11	34.66	
			46.79	
1841				
March 28	" 1 pr Shoes	12	1.00	
May 1	" 1 quire paper	13	.20	
28	" 3 " flax linen	14	.75	
" "	" Making 2 pr. pantaloons	15	.50	
" "	" 1 Short Coat	16	.25	
Sept. 29	" Cash paid Miss E. Taylor tuition	17	3.84	
Decmr 18	" Cash paid same tuition	18	3.84	
31	" Cash paid James T. Grigsby tuition	19	4.56	

	" Cash paid same on a/c tuition	20	3.42	
Novmr. 15	" 2 " Jeans	21	1.25	
	" Making pantaloons	22	.25	
	" Making Coat	23	.75	
	" 1 pr pantaloons & 1 shirt	24	.37	
	" Making 2 Vests	25	.34	
1841				
Novmr.	To amount brought over		$68.11	
	" 1 pr. socks	26	.18	
Decmr. 1	" 1 pr. winter shoes	27	1.00	
25	" Cash paid for books	28	1.00	
31	" Interest on $46.79 for one year			2.80
			70.29	2.80
1842				
Jany 23	" Making 1 Coat, 2 shirts & pr pantaloons	29	1.25	
Feby. 17	" Cash paid John B. Pate School a/c	30	6.07	
Sept. 24	" 5½ " Jeans @ 56	31	3.00	
Novmr 6	" 2 pr pantaloons & 1 pr socks	32	1.00	
Dec. 21	To Cash paid Stephen C. Hurt & Co	33	32.97	
	" Cash paid tax on land and transfer	34	2.46	
31	" Board for 1841	35	48.00	
	" Board for 1842	36	48.00	
	" Interest on $118.29 for one year			7.09
	" Interest brought into column of principal		9.89	
	" Commission on $70. at 5 pr Cent		3.50	
			$226.43	
1842	Cr.			
Decmr 31	By rent of Plantation for 1842		70.00	
	" Balance		156.43	
			$226.43	
1843	Dr			
Jany. 1	To Balance due guardian		156.43	
Augst 8	" Cash paid Marble Taylor tuition	37	5.40	
Sept. 22	" Cash paid same tuition	38	5.35	
	" Cash paid J. H. Saxton writing school	39	1.00	
Novmr 30	" Cash paid tax on land	40	2.05	
	" Cash paid Geo. Overstreet for repairing fence	41	22.50	
Decmr 31	" Board for 1843	42	48.00	
	" Commission on $250.00 at 5 pr. Ct.		15.50	
	" Interest on $156.43 for one year		9.38	
			265.61	

1843		Cr.	
Decmr 31	By rent of Plantation for 1843		70.00
	" hire of Green 1843 to Jos. P. Wright		70.00
	" " " Thornton " " David Gish		70.00
	" " " Peter " " Nathl Basham		40.00
	By amount bro't over		250.00
	" Balance		15.61
			265.61
1843		Dr.	
Jany. 1	To Balance due guardian		$ 15.61

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court, I have proceeded to settle the account of James O. Wright with James Wright his guardian as above stated - many of the articles now furnished by the Guardian himself, and in consequence of that circumstance he has no vouchers, but being of small amount and appearing to be reasonable they are allowed. None of the hires included in this account are collected, but believed to be good. Respectfully submitted.

Jno. A. Wharton Commr.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of December 1843.

This guardian account of James O. Wright with his guardian James Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. And thereafter to wit. At a Court held for said County the 22nd day of January 1844. No exceptions having been taken to said account the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C"

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James O. Wright		91	On the same [Bever Dam Cr]

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
15 SW	15.00		1365.00	1.71	of Do [John Wrights Est]

This record reflects the allocation of 91 acres of land to James O. Wright from the estate of 1840 John Wright.

In December 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/86 the commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Joel Wright and James Wright as guardians of James O. Wright and the other children of John Wright:

> "Ordered that John A. Wharton a Commissioner of this Court, state and settle the Guardian Account of Joel Wright and James Wright with their wards Robert W. John Q. A., Mary, and James O. Wright, and make report to Court."

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
James O. Wright		91	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
				2.05	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contig-uous Tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaveredam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	__	Explana-tions of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
16 SW	15.00		1368.00	1.70	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whe-ther held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the _____ especially from whom transferred
16 W	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

On August 25, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/66 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of James O. Wright:

"James O Wright
In account with James Wright guardian Dr

			$ cts
1844			
Jany 1	To balance due guardian on former settlement		15.61
Feby 2	" cash paid S C Hunt & Co a/c,	1	10.56
April 25	" cash paid for pattent truss for Peter	2	2.50
July 1	" cash paid tax on land	3	1.70
" "	" cash paid clerks ticket	4	.37
Sept 3	" cash paid A R Smith a/c.	5	1.88
Dec 10	" Cash J G Bondurant for Shingling & repairing house	6	22.85
Dec. 31	" 1 pair Winter Shoes	7	1.25
" "	" 4 Janes cloth at 3/-	8	2.00
" "	" making 2 pair pantaloons 2/3	9	.75
" "	" 1 pair shoes	10	1.25
" "	" hauling shingles 2 days	11	4.00
" "	" making frock coat	12	1.25
" "	" making 2 Shirts	13	.50
" "	" making 1 pr pantaloons	14	.37
" "	" Board for 1844	15	48.00
" "	" amt commissioners fee for settling this a/c		1.00
" "	" Int on $15.61 for one year		.93
" "	" Int on $15 for 6 months		.45
" "	" Com. on $250 at 5 pr cent		12.50
" "	" balance		120.28
			$250.00

Dec 31	By hire of Thornton to David Gish 1844	70.00
	" " " Green to Joseph P Wright	70.00
	" " " Peter to Nathaniel Basham	40.00
	" " " rent of plantation to Joel Wright	70.00
1845		
Jany 1	Balance due James O Wright	$120.00

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of James Wright guardian of James O Wright as above stated

Jn A Wharton

At a court held for Bedford County the 25th day of August 1845 - This guardian account of James O Wright with her guardian was produced in court and ordered to lie till the next term for exceptions: at which to wit: at a court held for said county the 27 day of Oct 1845 no exceptions having been taken to said account the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

In February 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/14 James O. Wright selected his brother John Q. A. Wright as his guardian:

> "James O. Wright orphan of John Wright deceased being over fourteen years of age came into Court and made choice of John Q. A. Wright as his guardian, and thereupon the said John Q. A. Wright gave bond and security according to law."

In February 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/14 a commissioner was appointed to settle the account of James Wright as guardian of James O. Wright:

> "Ordered that John A. Wharton Commissioner of this Court state and settle the account current of James Wright as guardian of James O. Wright and make report to Court."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James O. Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

On June 27, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/53 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of James O. Wright:

"James O Wright
In a/c with James Wright Guardian

			Dr.
1845			
July 7	To Cash paid for making Coat	1	.75
Aug 11	" Cash paid S C Hurt & Co. a/c	2	1.63
" "	" Cash paid Wm Gish bal a/c	3	.45
" "	" Cash paid Jas. M Garner for making pantaloons	4	1.00
" "	" Cash paid Frances Melson for making 2 shirts & pantaloons	5	.75
Sept 3	" Cash paid S C Hurt & Co. a/c	6	30.47
" "	" Cash paid tax & ticket	7	2.87
Oct	" Cash paid H W Baker tuition	8	3.75
Dec 27	" Cash paid M J Wright for making clothes	9	6.64
" "	" Cash paid Dr. Claytor a/c	10	.50
" 31	" Cash paid Robt. Wright for repairing fence		10.95
" "	" Board for 12 months	12	48.00
" "	" Cash for servants	13	2.00
" "	" Commission on $252.21 at 5 pr ct.		12.61
" "	" Balance		250.12
			372.49

1845	Cr.		
Jany 1	By Balance due on former settlement		120.28
Dec 31	" Hire of Thornton to D Gish 1845		70.00
" "	" H " Peter to J Basham "		40.00
" "	" " " Green to Robt. Wright "		70.00
" "	" Rent of land to Robt Wright "		65.00
" "	" Int on $120.28 for one year		7.21
			372.49

1846	Dr.		
Jany 19	To Cash pd. Jas Leftwich tuition & board	14	20.00
" "	" Cash furnished you to buy firewood &c	15	4.00
" "	" Cash pd. Jas. W Garner a/c	16	6.00
" "	" Cash paid for trunk lock	17	.25
" "	" Cash pd. Reuben Stinnett for shoes	18	2.00
Apl	" Cash furnished you	19	1.00
" 15	" making & putting up 400 rails	20	4.00
May "	" Cash pd. for pair shoes	21	2.50
July 1	" Cash furnished you at School	22	3.00
" "	" Cash pd. Geo. W Leftwich tuition &c	23	8.40

" "	"	Cash pd Chs L Cocke in part tuition in advance	24	33.00
" "	"	Board from 15 May to 1 July	25	6.00
" "	"	Cash furnished you	26	2.00
" "	"	7 yds. Jeans cloth	27	5.25
" "	"	Making 2 vests & 2 pr. pantaloons	28	2.00
" "	"	7 Yds black Jeans	29	5.25
July 1	"	making 2 pr Drawers	30	.37
" "	"	making 1 linen shirt	31	.50
" "	"	making pair cassimere pantaloons	32	.50
Oct "	"	cash paid S C Hurt & Co. a/c	33	39.22
" "	"	cash paid tax	34	1.37
" "	"	cash paid ticket	35	1.87
" "	"	cash for cap	36	2.00
Dec 31	"	cash for servants pr. your request	37	4.00
" "	"	commission on $245 at 5 pr ct.		12.25
" "	"	Court fee for settling this a/c		1.00
	"	Balance		327.39
				495.12

1846		Cr.		
Jany 1	By Balance			250.12
Dec 31	"	Hire of Thornton to D Gish 1846		65.00
" "	" " "	Green to W Howell		65.00
" "	" " "	Peter to J Basham		35.00
" "	"	Rent of Plantation to Worley & Wright		70.00
" "	"	Int. on $250.12 agreeably to disbursement		10.00
				495.12

1847		Dr.		
	To cash pd. Green pr. request		38	2.00
Feb 16	"	Cash sent you by mail	39	5.00
March 24	"	Cash sent you by mail	40	3.00
May 8	"	Cash pd. Robt. Wright a/c	41	3.26
" "	"	Cash pd. C L Cocke a/c for tuition	42	50.00
Apl 12	"	Cash paid Jas Leftwich a/c	43	13.20
" 28	"	Cash sent by Dr. Anthony	44	5.00
" "	"	Cash at muster	45	.10
" "	"	Cash paid postage	46	.15
" "	"	Cash paid Betsey Ridgway for making coat	47	1.00
June 4	"	Cash paid for razor &c	48	1.50
" "	"	Cash paid for mending boot	49	.12
" 19	"	Cash paid Jas W Garner a/c	50	14.88
" 26	"	Cash paid Read & Matthews a/c	51	45.69
" "	"	making 2 pr. linen pantaloons	52	.50
" "	"	" 1 pr cassimere Do.	53	.50
July 4	"	Cash to pay bal. on boots	54	1.00

" "	" Cash paid Wright H Wright a/c		55	3.00
" "	" Cash paid for truss for Peter		56	2.50
" "	" Cash paid you		57	1.00
Aug "	" Cash C L Cocke tuition		58	30.00
" "	" Cash pd. land tax		59	1.39
" "	" Cash		60	.75
Dec 31	" Com. on $229.92 at 5 pr. ct.			11.49
" "	" Balance			359.28
				556.31
1847		Cr.		
July 1	By Balance			326.39
1847				
Dec 31	" hire of Thornton 1847			65.00
" "	" " " Green "			65.00
" "	" " " Peter "			35.00
" "	" Rent of Plantation 1847			37.00
" "	" Int on $326.39 for one year agreeably to disbursements			13.92
				556.31
1848		Dr.		
Feb 16	To cash paid J W Garner a/c		61	10.75
" 25	" Cash paid Read & Matthews		62	10.00
" "	" Cash paid A. R. & D H Smith		63	5.75
Apl 1	" Cash paid C L Cocke in full		64	49.50
" "	" 3 months board from Nov 1847 to Feb 1848		65	12.00
" "	" Cash paid Read & Matthews in full		66	12.46
" "	" Bal.			262.70
				363.16
1848		Cr.		
Jany 1	By Balance			359.28
Apl 1	" Int. on $359.28 from 1 Jany agreeably to payments			3.88
				363.16
1848		Dr.		
Apl 1	To your portion overpaid by Joel Wright			5.54
	" Bal.			879.00
				884.54
1848		Cr.		
Apl. 1	By Balance			262.70
" "	" 1/2 of $1243.69 bal due on admr. a/c of James Wright admr of Jno Wright dec,			621.84
				884.54
1848		Cr.		
Apl 1	By Bal.			879.00
" "	" J. Q. A. Wright			12.50

" " " Robt. Wright's 18.75
" Bal. due due James O Wright $910.25

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have settled the account of James O Wright with James Wright his guardian, as above

Jn. A. Wharton C

At a court held for Bedford County June the 27" 1848

This account of James O Wright with James Wright his guardian was produced in court and ordered to lie till the next term for exceptions. And at a court held for said County the 24" day of July 1848, no exceptions having been taken, said account was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C.

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James O. Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
1						

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.25

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
16 W	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

On June 26, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 13/268 James Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of James O. Wright:

"James O Wright
In a/c with James Wright Guardian

1848	Dr		
Apl 6	To Cash paid Jno Q. A. Wright yr present guardian	1	30.00
May 8	" Cash paid same	2	500.00
Aug 31	" Cash paid your portion if fifa Ed. Pate for &c /v Jno Wrights exors	3	55.23
Sept 19	" Cash paid Jno. Q A Wright your present guardian	4	100.00
Dec 31	" the sum paid same in bonds	5	206.00
" "	" Com. for settling a/c	6	1.00
" "	" Com on $222.94 at 5 pr ct	7	11.14
" "	" Bal.		229.82
			1133.14
1848	Cr		
Apl 1	By Balance on former settlement		910.25
Dec 31	" rent of plantation 1848		51.00
" "	" hire of Peter		35.00
" "	" hire of Green		65.00
" "	" hire of Thornton		55.00
" "	" Int. on $910.25 from 1 Apl agreeably to payments		16.94
			1133.14
1849	Cr		
Jany 1	By Balance due James O Wright		229.82

In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court I have the account of James O Wright with his former guardian James Wright as above

Jn. A. Wharton C

At a Court held for Bedford County June 26" 1849

This account of James Wright guardian of James O Wright was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions And afterwards to Wit At a Court held for said County July 23d 1849 no exceptions having been taken thereto was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James O. Wright	1				

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	2 wheel pleasure Carryalls and harness, and value	carriages and harness, and value	Patent lever Gold watches	or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James O. Wright	Bedford	fee	91	Same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
12 SE	15.00		1365.00	1.37	

The marriage bond of James O. Wright and Mariah Shumaker, daughter of Lindsay, was dated on October 1, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of John Q. A. Wright, guardian for James, and James M. Matthews as surety and the marriage on October 10, 1850:

"September 30th 1850
Mr John R Steptoe

Sir You are hereby authorised to issue Licence for the Marriage of James O Wright to Miss Mariah Shumaker given under my hand

John Q. A Wright
Guardian fors
James O. Wright

Liberty October 1st 1850

This will certify the clerk that Mr James O Wright has my consent to the issuing of his liscence for the purpose of marrying my daughter Mariah.

L. Shumaker

Know all men by these presents, That we, James O Wright and James M Matthews are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 1st day of October 1850.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James O Wright and Mariah Shumaker daughter of Lindsay Shumaker Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. James O. Wright
in presence of James M Matthews

James O Wright to M Shoemaker Oct 10th 1850
. . . ."

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James A. Wright and Mariah S. Wright in the Richard A. Lee household on November 18, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Richd A. Lee	35	M			
Mary J. Lee	28	F			
Ann R. Lee	13	F			
Julia Lee	12	F			
Joseph Lee	11	M			
Emma Lee	8	F			
Ador(?) Lee	2	M			
Joits(?) Jordan	13	M			
James A. Right	20	M		Labor	
Mariah S. Right	18	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record is clearly for James O. Wright, even though he is listed as James A. Wright, and indicates that he was born in about 1830 and that Mariah (Shumaker) Wright was born in about 1832.

On September 21, 1851, in Bounty Land Warrant #36647-80-50 James Wright, the nephew of 1840 John Wright, filed an affidavit for bounty land, for the purpose of obtaining bounty land for 1840 John Wright's minor child James O. Wright by reason of the military service of 1840 John in the War of 1812:

"Virginia Bedford County to wit

On this 20th day of September 1851 personly appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid James Wright aged 57 years who being sworn according to law declares that the within named John Wright deceased was his uncle. That he the said James Wright and his uncle, John Wright volunteered at what was called Gills old Field in Bedford County Virginia to serve as for an indefinate term under Captain Walter Otey who commanded the company of Cavalry, that they marched from Bedford into service about the last of August 1814 and served as was then called as videbts marching and reconnoitering the section from Richmond to Hampton Tappahannock Yorktown and Williamsburg __. They were commanded by one Major Woodford, they marched from the 10th Regiment Bedford and he learns from other sources that the company stood as being attached to the 4th Brigade and 1st Division attached to the 4th Brigade. So it is he knows positively that the said John Wright served faithfully and was honourably discharged about the 22nd of February 1815 having been in service about six months. He knows that the said John Wright died about the 20th of March 1840 leaving no widow that survives him and that the only minor child of the said John Wright deseased is

the said James O. Wright who is now under twenty one years of age is now and was on the 28th September 1850, the only minor child under the age of twenty one years of the said John Wright deceased, which said minor child James O. Wright was born on the 19th day of October 1830. He makes these declarations for the purpose that his said ward James O. Wright may receive the benefit and obtain the Bounty land to which the the said James O. Wright as the only minor child of John Wright deceased, may be entitled to under the act of the 28th September 1850. And he still further states that he has no reason to believe that the said John Wright deceased, is his minor child James O. Wright the foresaid claimant has ever before received or is now entitled to receive any Bounty Land under any previous act of Congress hearbefore passed.

John Q. A. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hearby certify that being well acquainted with the said John Wright in his life time and with the said John Q. A. Wright and his ward James O. Wright, I have every reason to believe every thing stated in this declaration to be true. Given under my hand and seal the day and year within written

Jno. Clayton J.P."

That application contained the further declaration of John Q. A. Wright dated September 20, 1851, in support of the claim:

"126 299
John Wright dec

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

On this 20th day of September 1851 personly appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county and State aforesaid John Q. A. Wright aged 27 years who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the Guardian of James O. Wright to the Only minor child of John Wright, deceased, who was a soldier in the company or troop of cavalry commanded by Capt. Walter Otey (from the 10th Regiment Virginia militia then commanded by Col. William Dickerson) that the said John Wright, deceased, (did from information to be relied on) Volunteer in Bedford County, Virginia to serve for an indefinate term, on or about the last of August 1814 in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United Sates on the 18th day of June 1812, and he the said John Wright did continue in actual service in the war aforesaid till about the 22nd of February 1815 having served a six month tour of duty, and was honourably discharged at Richmond on or about that time, as he confidently believes will appear by referance to the original muster rolls of said company, which he learns was in

service attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division attached to the 4th Brigade and under the command of one Major Woodford. The original Certificate of Dicharge being lost He further states that the said John Wright died on or about the 20th day of March 1840 leaving no Widow, and that the above named James O. Wright having volunteered and served with the said John Wright deceased and resided near him for a life time nearly he knows positively the statements here stated of his own Knowledge to be true.

James Wright

Sworn to and subscribed by the said James Wright the day and year above written and having known the said James Wright for many years living near him I fully beleive every thing that he has stated in the above certificate to be true. Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Jno. Claytor J.P.

State of Virginia, Bedford County Set.,

I John R Steptoe Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that on the 28 day of February 1848, John Q. A. Wright was by the said Court appointed guardian of James O. Wright orphan of John Wright deceased, and that he is now the acting guardian of the said James O. Wright. And I do further certify that John Claytor who has signed the preceding certificates is a Justice of the peace for the said County of Bedford, and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st September 1851.

Jno. R. Steptoe Clk.

Send the warrant to Chamblissburg Post Office Bedford County Va.

S. M. Shumaker"

The birth record of Robert L. Wright, son of James O. And Maria Louise Wright, was dated on February 11, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Robert L. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 11, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive

Father's Name: James O. Wright
Mother's Name: Maria Louise Wright"

On July 26, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 15/223 John Q. A. Wright filed his accounting for the guardianship estate of James O. Wright:

"James O Wright
In a/c with John Q A Wright Guard

1841		Dr		
Mar 10	To Cash		1	.60
30 "	" Paid J F Johnson		2	5.00
Apl 19	" " " for Watch		3	12.00
20	" " " Robert Q Wright		4	8.50
June 1	" Cash		5	.25
11	" " Paid Stephens for Board		6	6.25
29	" Cash		7	.75
July 4 "	" Paid expenses		8	1.00
Nov 10	" Cash		9	5.00
Dec 31	" " Paid R S Wright for putting up rails		10	5.00
	" " " A R Smith a/c		11	3.50
	" " " you		12	10.00
	" Amt Wright & Matthews a/c		13	112.10
	" Com on $902.68			45.13
	" Bal			687.60
				902.68
1840		Cr		
Apl 6	By Cash of James Wright			30.00
May 8	" " " Same			500.00
Sept 19	" " " "			100.00
Oct 27	" " " Wm H Pate comr to sell Hardys negroes			66.68
Dec 31	" Amt bonds James Wright			201.00
				902.68
1849		Dr		
	To Cash paid Jas W. Garner a/c		14	44.44
	" " " Varnum		15	3.00
	" " " tickets		16	3.73
	" " " A F Ferguson		17	3.00
Dec 31	" Comm on $478.49 at 5 pr ct			23.92
	" Bal			1130.25
				1208.34
1849		Cr		
Jany 1	By Bal			687.60
May 28	" Cash of James Wright			229.60

	" Your portion of sale of land & houses		35.75
	" Rent of land		40.00
	" hire of negroes		170.00
Dec 31	" Part on $487.60 for one year		41.25
	" " " $474.75 for 3 months		4.74
			1208.34
1850	Dr		
Mar 6	To Cash paid for making Pants	18	.50
May 17	" "	19	5.00
June 1	" " paid for hire	20	10.00
	" " " Toll Richard	21	8.38
	" " " Tickets	22	2.34
July 15	" "	23	150.00
Dec 10	To Cash	24	15.00
31	" Bond for hire of Peter	25	30.00
	" " " " " Green & Thornton	25	140.00
			341.27
1850	Cr		
Jany 1	By Bal		1130.25
Dec 31	" rent of land		60.50
	" Hire of negroes		170.00
			1360.25
1850	Dr		
Dec 31	To Amt brot over		361.27
	" Com on $296		14.80
	" Balance		1050.48
			1426.55
1850	Dr		
Dec 31	By amt brot over		1360.25
" "	" Int on $1130.21 for one year agreeable to payment		66.30
			1426.55
1851	Dr		
Jany 27	To Cash Paid Dr Reese	21	6.00
Feby 25	" " " J W Garner	27	6.50
Apl 23	" " " you	28	90.00
June 27	" " " "	29	58.74
Oct 4	" " " "	29	225.00
Dec 31	" Rent of land & hire of negroes	31	230,99
			720.94
			1337.18
1851	Cr		
Jany 1	By Bal		1050.48
Dec 31	" Rent of lands & hire of negroes		230.00

" "	" Int			56.70
				1337.18
1852		Dr		
Jany 14	To Cash		32	152.28
Mar 17			33	235.00
1853				
Sept 24			34	400.00
				787.28
1852		Cr		
Jany 1	By Bal			720.94
1853				
Sept 24	" Int according to payment			38.58
	" Bal			28.96
				787.28
1853		Cr		
Oct 1	To Balance due J Q A Wright			27.96

I certify that having advertised the same according to law I have settled the account current of James O Wright with John Q A Wright his guardian as above The terms of the account as well as the allowance of commissioners was agreed by the parties

Jn A Wharton
March 1854

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26 day of July 1854

This account current of James O Wright with John Q A Wright his guardian was produced in Court having lain in the Clerks office of said Court more than one month for exceptions none having been taken thereto the same was ordered to recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The birth record of Walter C. Wright, son of James O. And Mariah L. Wright, was dated on August 14, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Walter C. Wright
Date of Birth:	August 14, 1855
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	James O Wright

Mother's Name: Mariah L.
No. at Birth: 1"

On July 6, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/55 James O. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James T. Franklin to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On June 14, 1860, James O. Wright obtained a summons from the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, in connection with a complaint in File 1794 against Richard A. Lee on a surety bond dated December 21, 1855:

"To the Hon: H. H. Marshall Judge of the Circuit Court for the City of Lynchburg.

Your orator James O. Wright, respectfully shows to your Honor that on the 21st day of Decr 1855 he became surety for a certain mercantile firm by the style of R. A Lee & Co. in a bond for the sum of $473.30 payable on demand to a certain John M. Morehead, with interest from the date thereof, which was the said 21st Decr 1855 The said R. A. Lee & Co consisted of R. A. Lee, and John B. Lee, his brother, and were engaged in the mercantile business at Pea Town in the County of Bedford. In executing the said Bond, the said R. A. Lee, subscribed the firm name of R. A. Lee & Co thereto thus merging the legal remedy on the said Bond against the said John B. Lee. After the execution of the said bond, to wit in the year ____ the said John B. Lee, who was a merchant in the City of Lynchburg and a man of large estate departed this life, and Benj. P. Walker duly qualified as administrator upon his estate. Your orator charges that the said R. A. Lee was a man without means, and that the said business of R. A. Lee & Co was set up with the assistance of the said John B. Lee, who became a partner therein, for the purpose of rendering assistance to his less fortunate brother. When the said Jno M. Morehead the holder of the said bond became impatient for the payment of it, the said R. A. Lee could not pay it either out of the said effects of R. A Lee & Co. (of which indeed there may not at the time have been any) or out of his individual effects of which there certainly were none. He was individually at that time and has been ever since, and is now wholly insolvent and irresponsible. Under these circumstances, your orator, being unwilling to incur the costs of a suit against himself upon the said bond proceeded to pay off the same, by paying on the 4th September 1858 the sum of $300 and on the 4th of January 1810, the balance principal and interest of $270.22 or will appear by an endorsed statement on the said bond, made by H. C. Dickinson Esq. the attorney of Morehead who collected the same. The said Bond is herewith filed marked (A) Your orator further represents that at the time he thus paid off the bond aforesaid as surety for R. A. Lee & Co he was indebted to them in a small amount of $____ and afterwards on the 21st June 1860, he had a settlement with R. A. Lee, by which it appeared that after

applying the offset aforesaid the said R. A Lee & Co were indebted to him on account of the said Bond in the balance of $520.15 of which settlement and the result of it the said R. A. Lee gave your orator a memorandum in writing which is herewith filed signed by him. It is marked (B.)

R. A. Lee, the survivor of R. A. Lee & Co. as well as that concern is wholly insolvent. Under these circumstances your orator is worried that his remedy against the said B. P. Walker Administrator of John B. Lee deceased is in a Court of Equity.

Being remediless save in a Court of Equity your orator prays that the said B. P. Walker Admr of John B. Lee, and the said R. A. Lee be made parties defendant to this Bill and be required to answer all and singular the allegations thereof as fully as if thereto specially interrogated. And the premises considered, your ortor prays that a decree be rendered in his favor, for the amount due him as aforesaid against the said B. P. Walker as admr of John B. Lee, and the said R. A. Lee. Let the Commonwealth writ of subpoena issue, and grant to your orator all such other and further relief, as is agreeable to equity, and the nature of his case shall require. And your orator will Ever pray &c

Goggin & Kean p.q."

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James O. Wright in the household of his brother-in-law James C. Kasey with the following family on July 2, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James C. Kasey	43	M		Farmer	10,000
M. L. Kasey	32	F			
K. Y. Kasey	14	M			
S. M. Kasey	12	F			
J. W. Kasey	10	M			
Jas. L. Kasey	8	M			
Scott Kasey	6	M			
E. V. Kasey	4	F			
Jas. O. Wright	28	M		Farmer	
M. Wright	25	F			
E. Wright	8	F			
K. Wright	6	M			
Samuel Wright	4	M			
L. Wright	2	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc
20,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
7,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This records indicates Mariah (Shumaker) Wright's date of birth as about 1835 in Virginia, as well as identifying her children.

Remnants Of War 1861-1865 by Ann Chilton listed James O. Wright as a 2nd Sergeant on the roster of Company G of the 34th Virginia Infantry Regiment in the Civil War.

The birth record of William O. Wright, son of James A. And Mariah L. Wright, was dated on May 10, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	William O. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 10, 1862
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Jams A Wright
Father's Occupation:	Solder
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Maria L Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Maria L Wright
Relation of Informant:	Mother"

The identification of the father as a soldier and the mother as Maria L. Wright identifies this child as that of James O. Wright.

The death record of Sam'l W. Wright, son of James O. and M. L. Wright, was dated on June 12, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Sam'l W. Wright
Date of Death: June 12, 1862
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: unknown
Age: 7 yrs
Names of Parents: James O. & M. L. Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Name of Informant: Maria L. Wright
Designation of Informant: mother"

On June 28, 1866, in File 1794 the court entered an order in favor of the James O. Wright on the complaint:

"Wright)
v) decree
Lee & als

This cause which has been regularly matured and set for hearing at the rules, Came on this day to be heard, on the Bill and exhibits examination of Witnesses, and was argued by the plff Counsel On Consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the defendant R. A Lee do pay to the Plff the sum of five hundred and twenty 15/100 dollars with legal interest thereon from the 21st day of June 1860 till paid, and that he do also pay to the plff his costs by him about the prosecution of his suit in this behalf expended. And liberty is reserved to the plaintiff to apply to this Court at any time he may be advised so to do for a decree against Benjamin P Walker admr of Jno B Lee decd in case the foregoing decree should prove ineffectual."

On October 2, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 4/347 James O. Wright dismissed his suit against Elisha A. Bowles and James M. Matthews, as administrators of the estate of Bejamin Bowles:

"James O. Wright and William C. Jordan,
Trustees of R. A. See, Plts
against
Elisha A. Bowles and James M. Matthews, Admr.
with the Will annexed of Benjamin Bowles
deceased Defendants

The Plaintiffs by their Counsel say, that they will not further prosecute this suit, it is therefore ordered, that it be dismissed"

On June 25, 1868, in File 1794 the following memorandum was filed by counsel indicating the bond had been lost:

"Memo. It is admitted that the bond on which this suit is based was in the papers of the cause at this June term 1868 - that the same is accurately described in the bill & that the endorsements thereon show that the whole amount due on the bond was paid to the atto. of Morehead by Jas. O Wright. This memo, is now made because the bond has been lost or mislaid.

Jne 25th 1868 Kirkpatrick & Blackford
hd"

After further proceedings the case in File 1794 was dismissed on June 9, 1869.

On September 14, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/97 James O. Wright executed a mortgage to Nicholas Smith to secure certain debts:

"This Indenture made this 14th day of September in the year 1868 between James O. Wright of the one part and Nicholas Smith of the other part Whereas the said Nicholas Smith has this day endorsed two negotiable notes each bearing even date with these presents payable respectively four months after date of the Lynchburg National Bank, Lynchburg Va. for One thousand dollars each drawn respectively by Ro. W. Horner in favor of said James O. Wright and by said Wright endorsed: And whereas the said James O. Wright is desirous to save harmless the said Nicholas Smith from any loss or damage he might sustain by reason of his endorsement aforesaid of said negotiable notes Now therefore this Indenture witnesseth that the said James O. Wright in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of five dollars goods and lawful money of the United States, to him in hand paid by the said Nicholas Smith at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained sold and assigned and by these presents doth grant, bargain sell and assign with general warranty of title unto the said Nicholas Smith his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land containing Two hundred and sevety eight acres more or less situate in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia adjoining the lands now in possession of John Kent, J. D. Medows the estate of Peter M. Wright deceased James Drewry & others: said land having been purchased by said James O Wright of C. A. Board and by said Wright rented out during the present year to R. B. Feather; Thomas Pritchell and ____ Kinnett. Also two bonds of Edwd. W. Dearing of Five hundred and Eighty one 66-2/3/100 dollars each dated January 3d 1860 payable respectively January 1st 1862 & January 1st 1863, subject to the following credits: Twenty three 26/100 dollars as of April 15th 1867, and Thirty dollars as

of January 1st 1863 and two years interest upon the aggregate principal: said bonds having been given by said Dearing for the purchase of a tract of land and for the payment of which the land is bound, said James O Wright having retained the title. Also all right and interest of the said James O. Wright in the three following judgments to wit: A Judgment in favor of said James O. Wright against Miller Wilson & Hewitt for about $_.00 principal and interest a judgment in favor of said James O. Wright against Williamson & Howell for $24.00 with interest from 1859, and a Judgment in favor of said James O. Wright against R. M. Beard and E. W. Dearing $87.00 with interest from 1859 - Provided always nevertheless that if the said James O Wright, his heirs executors, or administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid the said two negotiable notes as they respectively fall due or shall at that time otherwise save and keep harmless the said Nicholas Smith from all loss or damage whatsoever by reason of his said endorsement of said negotiable notes, then and from thenceforth this indenture and the estate hereby granted shall cease determine and become absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary in anywise not withstanding. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day and year aforesaid

James O. Wright
Nicholas Smith

State of Virginia, City of Lynchburg, to wit:

I John T. Murrell a Notary Public for the State and City aforesaid do certify that James O. Wright and Nicholas Smith whose names are signed to the writing herto annexed, bearing date the 14" day of September 1868 has this day acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid. Given under my hand the 14th day of September 1868.

John T. Murrell
Notary Public.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 15" 1868.

This Mortgage from James O. Wright to Nicholas Smith conveying real & personal estate was produced in said Office stamped with Two dollars United States Internal Revenue stamps, cancelled according to law, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On November 3, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/155 James O. Wright purchased 272 acres of land from Charles A. Board and Elizabeth A. Board and George C. Brown, their assignee in bankruptcy:

> "Whereas Charles A. Board in the year 1860 sold to James O. Wright a tract of 272-1/2 acres & 20 poles of land in Bedford County (hereinafter described) for the price of $2999-, and there is yet unpaid of the said price the sum of $1999-34/100 and the said Board retained the legal title to said land and a lien thereon as a security for the deferred payments of purchase money; and whereas the said Board was on the 26 day of September 1868 duly adjudged a bankrupt by the United States District Court for the District of Virginia, and George C. Brown was, by said Court appointed assignee in Bankruptcy of the estate & effects of said bankrupt, and on the 2d day of November 1868, received from John F. Cobbs Esq. Register in Bankruptcy an Assignment if the estate of said Bankrupt. Now this deed made the 3rd day of November 1869 between Charles A. Board aforesaid & Elizabeth A Board his wife and George C. Brown assignee in Bankruptcy of the said Board as aforesaid, of the first part, and James O. Wright aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the parties of the first part for & in consideration of the said sum of $2999- the price of said land as aforesaid, do grant unto the said party of the second part with covenants of general warranty, all of the following described tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia, on both sides of Falling Creek. Beginning at a poplar on a small branch, thence N 52 E 32 poles to pointers N 3 W 72 poles to a small red oak N 33 W ____ poles to a white oak on a branch, thence with a line of Ruckers patent N 28 E (6 poles to a scrub white oak) to the last crossing of the branch near Howells road - thence along said branch crossing Howells road to a small hickory on the mill road, thence along said mill road to Sinks line - leaving therein four acres, which is deeded to Susan Patterson & heirs thence along said line to the Scrub white oak named above (in brackets) - thence N 50 W 57 poles to a pine, N 42 E 48 poles to a chestnut oak, N 33 W 60 poles to a pine N 73 W 122 poles to a pine S 10 E 44 poles to a chestnut oak S 56 E 18 poles to a pine S 51(?) E 37 poles to 3 chestnuts near pointers S 40 W 31 poles to a pine now pointers - S 5 W 28 poles to pointers corner to Weem's patent, thence with lines of said patent S 50 W 52 poles, crossing falling creek to pointers (formerly a pine) S 44 E 208 poles to the Beginning Containing two hundred & Seventy two acres - two roods & twenty poles - be the same more or less and being the same land which was on the 30" day of March 1864, conveyed by J H Nowlin & wife to said Board, by deed of record in Bedford County Court Clerks Office and there being, as aforesaid a balance of purchase money due for said land of $1999-34/100 with interest on $999-66/100 a part thereof from the 22 day of August 1861 & on $999-68/100 the residue thereof from the 22 day of August 1862, subject to a credit of $239-92/100 applicable to interest due on said balance - which is evidenced by a judgment of the County Court of Bedford County rendered at the November term thereof 1866, a lien is

hereby retained on the said land, as a security for the payment of the said balance. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances, unto the said James O. Wright, & to his heirs forever Witness the following signatures & seals

Executed in the
presence of
S. S. Willard
S W King

C. A. Board
L. A. Board
Geo. C Board Assignee
C A Board

State of Illinoise)
County of Cook) To wit:
City of Chicago)

I, Simeon W. King, a Commissioner for the State of Verginia, in and for the State of Illinois, do certify that Charles A. Board whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 3rd day of November 1869, has acknolwedged the same before me in my City and County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 3d day of November 1869

Simeon W. King
A Commissioner for Virginia
residing a Chicago Illinois

State of Illinois)
County of Cook) to wit:
City of Chicago)

I, Simeon W. King, a Commissioner for the State of Verginia, in and for the State of Illinois, do certify that Elizabeth A. Board the wife of Charles A Board whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 3d day of November 1869, personally appeared before me in the City and County afoersaid, & being examined by me privily & apart from her husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she, the said Elizabeth A. Board acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 3d day of November 1869

Simeon W. King
A Commissioner for the State
of Virginia, residing at Chicago Illinois

City of Lynchburg, to wit:

I F. F. Mayo, Notary Public duly commissioned & qualified in & for the Corporation of the City of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia do certify that George C. Brown, Assignee in Bankruptcy of the estate & effects of Charles A. Board, Bankrupt whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 3d day of November 1869 - has acknowledged the same before me in my said City. Given under my hand the 8th day of November 1869

F F Mayo Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 16th 1870.

This Deed from Charles A. Board & wife and George C. Brown, Assignee to James O. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office stamped with Three dollars United States Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On August 30, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/50 James O. Wright filed a Homestead and Personal Property Exemption as to two bonds:

"This Deed made this 30th day of August 1870. Witnesses, that I James O. Wright of the city of Lynchburg and State of Virginia, a householder and head of a family, desiring to avail myself of the benefits of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Virginia, and of the act approved June 27th 1870 to prescribe in what manner, and on what conditions a Homestead and Personal property shall be set apart by householders for the benefit of themselves and families exempt from sale for debt - and being the owner of two certain bonds made by E. W. Dearing of the County of Bedford, being for the two last instalments of the purchase money of a tract of land sold by me to said Dearing, each for the sum of $581.66 and due, one on the ____ day of ____ 1862 and the other on the ____ day of ____ 1863 with interest from their maturity, which bonds are subject to a lien by assignment in favor of Charles H. Rucker & Co for the sum of $150 with interest thereon from the ____ day of June 1868, said bonds being secured by a Vendors lien upon the tract of land for which they were given, which lien is now sought to be enforced by a suit in equity in the Circuit Court for the County of Bedford by the style of Wright for &c vs Dearing &c in which suit the said tract of land has been sold by decree of said Court and the proceeds of such sale are under the control of the same, subject to the claim of said Rucker & Co and to the costs of suit and expenses of sale to the record and proceedings wherein reference is made for specific information and description of the said fund, I do

hereby declare my intention to claim, and do claim all the proceeds of the said two bonds, subject to the said lien in favor of said Rucker & Co, and after the satisfaction thereof, and the benefit of the said Vendors lien, as security for the same, and of the proceedings in said suit for the enforcement thereof in addition to the Articles exempt from levy or distress by the law as it was prior to the adoption tion of the present state constitution; to be held by me exempt from levy seizure, garnishing or sale, under any execution order or other process issued on any demand for any debt heretofore or hereafter contracted by me, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of this state hereinbefore referred to.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written

James O. Wright

In the Clerks office of the Corporation Court for the City of Lynchburg August 31st 1870.

This day, James O. Wright acknowledged the writing above bearing date the 30th day of August 1870, before me in my said office.

Teste
Saml D Preston Clerk

In Bedford County Court Clerks office August 30th 1870.

This Deed of James O. Wright claiming exemptions of the Homestead Law, was produced in said Office, Stamped with One dollar and fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S. Quarles C.B.C"

On or about November 26, 1872, Mariah L. Wright, the widow of James O. Wright, filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 6595, for her dower interest in 91 acres of land sold by her husband to Edward W. Dearing:

"To the Honble John A. Wharton Judge of the County Court of Bedford County.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your honor your Oratrix Maria L. Wright that she is the widow of James O. Wright who died on the 23rd day of January 1872, and to whom she was married on the _ day of _____; that during said coverture her said husband was seized in fee simple of a tract of land lying in the

County of Bedford containing 91 acres allotted to him by Commissioners appointed according to law to divide the real estate of John Wright deceased father of said James O. among his devisees of whom said James O. was one. The tract allotted to said James O. is fully described by metes and bounds in the report of said Commissioner which was duly confirmed according to law and is of record in the County Court of Bedford County Will Book K pg 397 a certified copy of which description and boundaries is herewith filed marked A and prayed to be taken as part of this bill. The will of said John Wright proven according to law is also of record in same Court and in same book pg 204 and a certified copy thereof will be herewith filed if required and marked B.

Said tract of 91 acres was some time in the year 1859 sold by said James O. Wright deceased, at the price of $30 per acre to one Edward W. Dearing who was then put in possession thereof by said James O. Wright and has ever since and now holds possession thereof under said sale.

Your Oratrix charges that she has never relinquished her right to dower in said land and that such right has never been barred in any manner.

In consideration whereof and being without remedy save in a court of equity, your oratrix prays that said Edward W. Dearing be made party defendant to this bill and required to answer the same on oath, that your honor will assign to her the dower to which she is entitled in the land aforesaid, and award her such damages for the detention thereof as may be just and equitable that the proper accounts be taken and that your honor will grant your oratrix such other further and general relief as she may be entitled to and your oratrix will ever pray &c

Admr p.q"

This record indicates that James O. Wright died on January 23, 1872.

On March 3, 1873, in File 6595 Edward W. Dearing answered the complaint and asked for relief from the dower claim:

"The answer of Edward W. Dearing, to a bill of Complaint exhibited against him in the County Court of Bedford County by Maria L. Wright. For answer to said bill this respondent says it is true he purchased of the pets. late husband the tract of 91 acres of land in the bill mentioned, at about the time stated in the bill, but has never received any conveyance therefor But he claims that he is entitled to relief from the supposed dower right of said pet. on the terms prescribed by the 12' Section of Chapter 110 of the Code of Va (Edition of 1860) and if in fact she is entitled to dower in said land, he prays that this Court may grant him relief from the recovery thereof, on the terms prescribed by the said section. And

having answered all &c this respondent prays to be hence dismissed with costs &c.

Edward W. Dearing

In Bedford County Court March 3rd 1873 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day

Teste
Graham Clayton C.C."

On March 3, 1873, in File 6595 the court appointed Commissioners to determine the value of the land in question:

"In Bedford County Court March 3rd 1873

Maria L. Wright — Plaintiff
against
Edward W. Dearing — Defendant

On the motion of the defendant Edward W. Dearing leave is granted him to file his answer to the plaintiffs Bill and thereupon he filed the same to which the plaintiff replies generally and this cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read, the answer aforesaid, the replication hereto, and was argued by Counsel, upon consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the decree entered in this Cause at a former day of the present term of this Court be set aside and that David M. Newsom Thomas A Jeter Samuel G. Stewart, Josiah H. Nimmo and William Johnson, who are hereby appointed special Commissioners for that purpose (any three or more of whom may act) do go upon the land in the Bill mentioned, and after being first duly sworn, ascertain the value of the said land at the time of the death of James O. Wright (the plaintiffs husband) deducting any permanent improvement existing at the time of his death, which were put upon the said land by the defendant, after he purchased the same of said Wright, And the Commissioners (or those acting) must make report of their proceedings hereunder to this Court.

A Copy: Teste
Ro S. Quarles CBC"

On April 12, 1873, in File 6595 the commissioners reported that the land was worth $15 per acre:

"To the Hon Judge of the County Court

The undersigned commissioners who with S. G. Stewart and D M. Newsom were appointed on the 3rd day March 1873 in an order made by your Honor, to go upon the land mentioned in said order and after being duly sworn to ascertain the value of the said land at the time of the death of James O Wright deducting any permanent improvements existing at the time of his death which were put on the land by the said defendant after he purchased it of said Wright beg leave to report that said Edward W Dearing had put no improvement on the land and we ascertain the value of the land to have been at the time of said Wrights death fifteen dollars per acre.

Thomas A. Jeter
William Johnson
Josiah H. Nimmo

Subscribed and sworn to before me 12th day of April 1873

R M Beard JP"

On April 29, 1873, in File 6595 the court ordered Edward W. Dearing to pay Mariah L. Wright $27.30 per year for her life:

"Maria L. Wright
v
Edward W. Dearing

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read together with the report of Thomas A Jeter Sr William Johnson & Josiah H. Nimmo special commissioners acting under a decree in this cause made on the 3rd day of March 1873, to which report there is no exception, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, the court doth confirm the report aforesaid and it appearing therefrom that the value of the ninety one acres of land in the bill mentioned, at the time of the death of James O. Wright ascertained as required by said decree of 3d day of March 1873 was $15. per acre amounting to the sum of Thirteen hundred sixty four Dollars the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the defendant to pay to the complainant on the 26th day of November 1873, being one year after the commencement of this suit, the interest on one third of the value of said land ascertained as aforesaid, to wit Twenty seven Dollars & 30 cents with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from said 26th day of November 1873 til paid, and that he do pay to her on the 26th day of November of each succeeding year during her natural life the like sum with like interest from the time such sum shall become payable and that upon failure of said defendant to make any of said payments

on or before the day they shall severally become payable as aforesaid, said plaintiff shall have leave to sue out execution therefor. And the decree is without prejudice to the right of the plaintiff if the executions aforesaid or any of them should prove unavailing to apply further to this court by motion, upon ten days notice to the defendant, to subject the land aforesaid to the payment thereof or to have her dower assigned to her in the land in the bill mentioned and laid off by proper metes and bounds and assured to her by proper deed for that purpose. And it is further adjudged ordered and decreed that the plaintiff recover from the defendant her costs by her in this behalf expended."

On September 19, 1873, The Lynchburg Tri-Weekly News published the following death notice for Maria L. Wright:

"Died.

In this city, on the morning of the 13th inst. Mrs. Maria L. Wright, consort of the late Jas. O. Wright, and daughter of Mr. Lindsay Shoemaker, dec'd."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright were the following:

1) E. Wright, a daughter, born about 1852 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Robert L. or K. Wright, a son, born about 1854 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Walter C. Wright, born on August 14, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Samuel W. Wright, born about 1855 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

5) Laura Y. (Wright) Feather, born about 1858 or 1859 at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. <u>E. Wright</u>

E. Wright was a daughter of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James O.[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed E. Wright in the James O. Wright household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

ii. Robert L. Or K. Wright

Robert L. or K. Wright was a son of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James O.[4])

The birth record of Robert L. Wright was dated on February 11, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Robert L. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 11, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	James O. Wright
Mother's Name:	Maria Louise Wright"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed K. Wright in the James O. Wright household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1854.

iii. Walter C. Wright

Walter C. Wright was a son of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James. O.[4])

The birth record of Walter C. Wright was dated on August 14, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Walter C. Wright
Date of Birth:	August 14, 1855
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	James O Wright
Mother's Name:	Mariah L.
No. at Birth:	1"

iv. 1862 Samuel W. Wright Of Bedford County

1862 Samuel W. Wright was a son of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James O.[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Samuel Wright in the James O. Wright household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856.

The death record of Samuel W. Wright was dated on June 12, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Date of Death: June 12, 1862
Place: Bedford
Cause of Death: Unknown
Age: 7 years
Names of Parents: James O. & M. L. Wright
Birthplace of Deceased: Bedford
Name of Informant: Mariah L. Wright
Relation of Informant: Mother"

v. Laura V. Or Y. (Wright) Feather And Her Husband Adam L. Feather

Laura V. or Y. (Wright) Feather was a daughter of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James O.[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. Wright in the James O. Wright household and her age as 2 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1858.

The marriage license of Laura Y. Wright and Adam L. Feather was dated November 24, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the marriage on December 15, 1880, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Adam L Feather and Laura Y. Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 24th day of November 1880,

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, Decr. 15th 1880
Place of Marriage, Bedford Co. Va
Full Names of Parties Married, Adam L. Feather & Laura Y. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 21 years.
Age of Wife, 21 years
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Adam P & Mary D Feather
Names of Wife's Parents, James O. & Maria L. Wright
Occupation of Husband, Blacksmith

Given under my hand this 24th day of November 1880

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage"

vi. William O. Wright

William O. Wright was a son of 1872 James O. Wright of Bedford County and Mariah Louise (Shumaker) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1840 John[3], 1872 James O.[4])

The birth record of William O. Wright was dated on May 10, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	William O. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 10, 1862
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford

Father's Name:	Jams A Wright
Father's Occupation:	Solder
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Maria L Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Maria L Wright
Relation of Informant:	Mother"

The identification of the father as a soldier and the mother as Maria L. Wright identifies William O. Wright as a son of 1872 James O. Wright.

9. 1842 Joseph Wright Of Ralls County, Missouri, His Wife Aga (Brown) Wright, And His Descendants

1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, was a son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 3/3 listed Joseph Wright as one of his children.

> ". . . . Ninthly I do give to my son Joseph a negroe boy named Isaac, to be his own property at my wife's Death Also Ten pounds in the hands of Henry Hurt, I do also give to him one hundred and Sixty three Acres Land being the whole of a Tract purchased by me of Jehu Meador . . . ."

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Junr with the following household on July 28:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
July 28	Joseph Wright Junr	1			2

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The reference to Joseph Wright, Jr., in this case is with the meaning of a younger Joseph Wright, rather than a son of Joseph Wright. 1842 Joseph Wright's uncle 1815 Joseph Wright would be the Joseph Wright, Sr., in this case. The previous year's Personal Property Tax List had also listed a Joseph Wright, Jr., but that was 1860 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio. Both 1831 Joseph Wright and 1860 Joseph Wright had moved to Ohio in 1803. The result is that the Joseph Wright, Jr., of this listing was 1842 Joseph Wright, the son of 1803 John Wright, as he first established his own household.

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household on May 29:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
May 29	Joseph Wright	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
2	

The marriage bond of Joseph Wright and Aggy Brown was dated on June 26, 1805, at Bedford County, Virginia, with John Brown as surety:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Wright and John Brown are held & firmly bound unto John Page Esqr Governor or Chief magestrate of the CommonWealth of Virginia in the Sum of one Hundred and fifty Dollars lawful money of Virginia to be paid to the said Governor or to his successors for the use of the CommonWealth to Which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our & each of our Heirs Exors and Admrs jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and tated this 26 day of June 1805
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that wheras there is a marriage Shortly intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Joseph

Wright & Aggy Brown Now if there shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the said intended marriage then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue

Signed and acknowd) Joseph Wright
in the present of) John Brown"

If James Wright and Agy Brown were at least 16 years of age at the time of their marriage, their dates of birth would be probably before 1789.

After their marriage Joseph and Aga Wright moved from Bedford County, Virginia, to Breckenridge County, Kentucky and then to Ralls County, Missouri.

On September 19, 1806, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/102 Joseph Wright, Jr. and Aga, his wife, of Breckinridge County, Kentucky, sold the 163 acres devised to him by his father's will:

"This Indenture made and entered into this nineteenth day of September One thousand Eight Hundred & Six between Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga Wright his wife of the County of Brakenridge & State of Kentucky of the one part & Anthony Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred pounds good and lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained, sold & confirmed & do by these presents grant Bargain sell & confirm unto the said Anthony Wright his Heirs & Executors Admrs & assigns forever one certain Track or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford & State aforesaid on the waters of Beverdam Creek, containing one hundred & sixty three acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows viz. Begining at Weavers corner pine thence South twelve degrees East one hundred & seventy two poles to a pine, North 83 Degrees West 42 poles to a white oak, north 50 degrees west 40 poles to a white oak. South 64 degrees west 20 poles to a white oak North sixty two degrees west 32 poles to a pine north 52 degrees west 44 poles to a Pine, North five degrees west 134 poles to a pine in Simmons line thence with said line north 43 degrees east 136 poles to his corner pine, south 36 degrees [east] 50 poles to a pine in Weavers line, thence with said line South 5 degrees East 100 poles to the begining, To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with all its privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Anthony Wright and his heirs forever and the said Joseph Wright his Heirs, Executors & Admrs. the said tract or parcel of land with all & singularly its appurtenances to the said Anthony Wright & his heirs, will forever warrant & defend In Witness

whereof the said Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals the day and year above written.

Joseph Wright Junr.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of September 1806

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright Junr. of the one part & Anthony Wright of the other was acknowledged by the said Joseph Wright & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

The legal description of this land is the same as that of Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 11/938 dated October 7, 1799, by which 1803 John Wright purchased 163 acres from John and Nancey Meadowe:

". . . . one cartain Tract or parcel of Land in the County of Bedford and on the branches of fallen Creek and Beverdam Creek and containing one Hundred and Sixty three Acres be the same more or less and adjoining the Lands of William Andersons Matthews Pate Samuel Olerphent Ebenezer Brown and John Pane and the Corsses as followeth to wit Begening at Wevers corner Pine Thence off South twelve degrees East one hundred & Seventy two poles to a Pine North Eighty three degees West fortey two poles to a white Oak North fifty degrees West forty poles to a white Oak South Sixty four Degrees West twenty poles to a white Oak North Sixty two Degees West Thirty two poles to a pine North fifty two degrees West fortey four poles to a pine North five degrees west one Hundred and Thirtey four poles to a pine in Summons Line on the said Line North forty three degees East One hundred and Thirty six poles to his corner Pine off South Thirty six degrees fifty poles to a Pine in Wevers line thence along the said line South five degrees East One Hundred poles to the first Station . . . ."

The similarity of the legal descriptions of Deeds 11/938 and 12/102 clearly identify the Joseph Wright who married Aga Brown as the same Joseph Wright who was the son of 1803 John Wright.

On March 23, 1807, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/452 a writ was issued to examine Aga Wright regarding her consent to Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 12/102 and Aga Wright released her dower interest:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to Gentlemen Justices of Kentucky greeting whereas Joseph Wright Junr. & Aga Wright his wife by their certain Indenture of Bargain & Sale bearing date the 19th day of September 1805 have sold and conveyed unto Anthony Wright the fee simple Estate of 163 Acres of Land lying and being in the County of Bedford and whereas the said Aga Wright cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our of Bedford aforesaid. Therefore we give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive such acknowledgement as the said Aga Wright shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed, & we do require you that you do personally go to the said Aga Wright and examine her privily and apart from the said Joseph Wright her husband whether she did willingly sign and seal the said Indenture and doth now acknowledge the same without the persuasions or threats of her said husband and whether she be willing it should be recorded in our Court of our said County & when you have have received her acknowledgement and examine her as aforesaid, that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your seals, sending then these the said Indenture & this Write Witness James Stepton Clerk of our said Court the 23d day of March 1807. In the 21st year four Independence.

J Steptoe

July the eighteenth 1808.

This day came Aga Wright before Edward Dehaven & William Love Justices of the peace for the County of Breckenridge and did acknowledge the within Indenture agreeable to a commission from the County Court of Bedford Virginia State And we do certify that she did in our presence say that she did not acknowledge this Indenture through the persuasion or fear of her husband, but freely of her own concern

Given under our hands and Seals

Edward Dehaun
William Love

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24" July 1807. This Commission was returned executed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe"

On September 23, 1811, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/628 Joseph Wright of Breckenridge County, Kentucky, purchased an interest in a slave from his brother Anthony Wright:

> "Know all men by these presents that whereas John Wright Dec late of Bedford County & State of Virginia did by his last Will and testament devise to me Anthony Wright a mulatto man Slave for life named Peter in the following manner viz that Elizabeth Wright widow of the said John Wright dec, is to keep in her possession & for her benefit the aforesd slave during her life time & after her death the said mulatto slave to devolve to me as one of the devisees of the aforesd John Wright Dec & whereas I the said Anthony Wright for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars current money of the United States to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained & sold & do by these presents grant sell & confirm to my brother Joseph Wright of the state of Kentucky & Breckenridge county the aforesd mulattoe slave to receive the same after the death of the aforesd widow Elizabeth Wright in the same manner that I myself should have done according to the tenor of the said John Wrights last will & testament as aforesd & I do hereby covenant for myself & my heirs forever, that I do hereby relinquish to him the said Joseph Wright all my right title Int: & Claim to the aforesd slave to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns forever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 23d day of Sept in the year 1871.
>
> Teste
> Anthony Wright
>
> At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23rd day of Septmr 1811. The bill of sale was acknowledged by the said Anthony Wright & ordered to be recorded.
>
> Teste,
> J. Steptoe Cl"

On September 7, 1812, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 13/818 Joseph Wright sold his interest in the slave to his brother John Wright:

> "Know all men by these presents that whereas John Wright Deceased late of Bedford County and State of Virginia did by his last Will and Testament devise to his son Anthony Wright a Malattoe man slave named Petar in the following manner to wit, that Elizabeth Wright, widow of the said John Wright Decd. is to keep in her possession, and for her benefit, the aforesaid Slave during her life time and after her death to devolve to the said Anthony Wright as one of the devises of the aforesaid John Wright Decd. and the said Anthony Wright Conveying his rite to mee and whereas I Joseph Wright for and in Consideration

of the sum of Two hundred Dollars Current Money of the united States to mee in hand paid, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained & sold & do by these presents grant sell & confirm to my brother John Wright the aforesaid Mulattoe Slave to receive the same after the Death of the aforesaid Widow Elizabeth Wright in the same manner that the aforesaid Anthony Wright should have done according to the tenor of the said John Wrights last will & Testament as aforesaid, and I Joseph Wright do hereby Covenant and for myself and my Heirs forever that I do hereby relinquish to the sd. John Wright all my right, title, Interest & claim to the aforesaid Slave to him the said John Wright his Heirs & Assigns forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the 7th day of September 1812.

Test Joseph Wright
William McGeorge
his
Robert X Nemo Junr.
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22d day of March 1813. This Bill of Sale from Joseph Wright to John Wright was proved by the oath of William McGeorge & Robert Nimmo two subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

On May 9, 1822, at File 1373, Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, James Wright gave his deposition regarding Joseph Wright and his visit to Bedford County in 1819:

"This deponant being first Sworn on the holy Evalgelist of Almighty God deposeth and Saith, That he lived with the said John Wright in the year of 1818 from the 14th June till the month of October, and boarded in the same house with him and his mother, and allways found that he treated her with the utmost kindness and motherly Tenderness, and prepared for her every thing that her age and sex Required, I also lived on the plantation for the said John Wright Eighth months of the following year (viz) 1819 and frequently eat at the table with him and his mother, and allways found that he prepared every nessasary and Luxary of life that is Common, and treated her with oncommon Tenderness and kindness and further saith that on the first day of Bedford November Court Last past that he fell in Company with the said John Wright and Joseph Wright his Brother from the state of Mesoura and the said John at that time told the sd Joseph that he must have this deposition in the Suit his mother had against him, he Replyed that he wold not give it. Said John ast his reason he said that his

evidence in the cause might In Jure the plaintiff his mother and prbeley himself as he might prbaly be bennifitted by a recovery on the part of the plaintiff & for that reason he should not give it.

Question by the defendant

Did I not use every persuasive language to prevail upon Joseph Wright to have his deposition taken

Ans. Apparently you did so

Question by same

Did not sd Wright say that he had given the defendant to understand that he would give his deposition, but that he never had intinded it.

Ans. He did.

Q by the same

Did I not tell said Wright that I would get a subpoena and have his deposition taken

An. You did and he replied that if he could arrange his business he would leave the County before the subpoena was served

Q by same

Did not Joseph Wright inform you (in Nov. last) that his mother had given him a Bond on Tommy Wright for $85.60 by his (the said Wright) giving her $10.00

Ans. He did

Q by same

Did you not trade for the said Bond and give him the full value of it

Ans. I did.

Did not the said Wright inform you that the plff had even given her riding mare

Ans. He did.

Q by Plff

Was not the mare given to said Wrigh by the plff old and almost worn out.

Ans She could not last long from her appearance.

James Wright"

On May 9, 1822, in Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, File 1373 John Wright filed his affidavit for a subpoena of Joseph Wright:

"That Joseph Wright of the State of Missouri is a material witness in the suit depending in the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Lynchburg wherein Elizabeth Wright is plaintiff and him the said John Wright and Tommy Wright are defendants, and that he considers he cannot safely go in to the Trial of said cause without the evidence of the said Joseph Wright.

This affiant further made oath that the said Joseph Wright was in Bedford, Va. in November last, and that he used every means in his power then to procure the testimony of the said Joseph Wright, that he obtained a commission for that purpose, and also a Spa to bring the said Joseph before two magistrates which was duly served by Lewis Lancaster a Constable, and that the said Joseph refused to obey the Subpoena and declared he would not give evidence in the Cause, and when asked by this affiant the Reason of his refusal, replyd that his evidence might injure the plaintiff his mother and probably himself as he might probably be benefited by a recovery on the part of the plaintiff, and the said Joseph left this Country the same day appointed to take his Deposition"

On March 29, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 21/26 William Carson, as administrator of the estate of Charles Markle, appointed Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, his attorney in fact:

"Know all men by these presents that I William Carson Admr with the annexed of Charles Markle Senior deceased both of the County of Ralls in the State of Missouri divers good causes me thereunto moving do nominate constitute and appoint & by these presents have nominated & constituted Joseph Wright of the County of Ralls in the State of Missouri my true and lawful Attorney in fact and by these presents do authorise and empower my said Attorney to collect any monies that are due the Estate of the said deceased and to receipt for the same in my behalf and all Lawful ways and means in my behalf to use for the collection of monies due or to become due the Estate of the said Deceased or now due his heirs ____ and all matters & things necessary to be done in the collection of debts or monies or in the settlement of accounts debts or claims in behalf of the estate of the said Deceased and further to lease or to rent out real estate houses Lots of ground and improvements upon such terms and conditions as he may see ____ & fit to agree also an attorney to appoint or attorneys to appoint and

their appointments revoke at his will and pleasure and all matters & things touching this behalf on my part to do in as full free & ample manner as I might or could do were I there personally present hereby affirmed(?) and confirming all that my said Attorney may lawfully do by virtue of these presents In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 29th day of March Anno Domini Eighteen hundred & twenty eight

William Carson Admin
with the will annexed of
Charles Markle senior deceased

Teste
Walter Caldwell
D. Caldwell

State of Missouri County of Ralls Sct

Be it remembered that on the twenty ninth day of March Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight William Carson within named came personally before me Stephen Glasscock Notary Public ____ within and for the County of Ralls in the State of Missouri and did in my presence and in the presence of Walter Caldwell and James D. Caldwell the subscribing witnesses therein to sign seal acknowledge and deliver the within and foregoing power of attorney or instrument of writing as for his act and deed and hand and seal for the purposes therein contained in testimony whereof I the notary public aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and seal of office

This 29th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Stephen Glasscock Notary Public

Bedford Clerks office May 3rd 1828

This Power of Attorney from William Carson Executor of the Estate of Charles Markle Senior deceased to Joseh Wright or as ____ from the County of Ralls State of Missouri and admitted to record

Teste Ro. C. Mitchell CRC"

In April 1828 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/40 the court appointed Joseph Wright as guardian of Oliver Markle and John Markle, orphans of John Markle:

"Joseph Wright is appointed guardian of Oliver Markle

Markle & John Markle children of John Markle who gave bond & security according to law"

The 1830 Census for Ralls County, Missouri, listed Joseph Wright in Spencer Township with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	40-50	1	40-50
1	20-30		
1	15-20		
2	5-10		

Slaves - Male	Age	Slaves - Female	Age
1	24-36	2	10-24
1	10-24		
3	0-10		

This record indicates dates of birth for Joseph Wright and Agnes (Brown) Wright of between 1780 and 1790.

On April 6, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/350 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and guardian of the heirs of Charles Markle, Jr., appointed John Wright of Bedford County his attorney in fact:

"Know all men men by these presents that I Joseph Wright of the County of Ralls and state of Missouri Guardian for the heirs of Charles Markle Sr deceased relative to their property in Virginia do by these presents Constitute & appoint John Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia my lawful Attorney to transact all business for me relative to the heirs of the said Chas Markle senior decd. That is to say, the renting out their property in the Town of Liberty County of Bedford and Collecting all debts due them or may be due hereafter as witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of April 1831.

Joseph Wright

State of Missouri County of Ralls ss. Be it remembered that on this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one Joseph Wright with whom I am personally well acquainted appeared before me Walter Caldwell Presiding Justice of the County Court within & for the County of Ralls and did in my presence sign seal acknowledge and deliver the above instrument

of writing as for his act and deed and hand and seal for the purposes therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal the day & date above written.

Walter Caldwell

State of Missouri County of Ralls Ss. I Charles Glascock Clerk of the County Court within and for the County of Ralls in the state of Missouri Certify that Walter Caldwell whose signature is set to the foregoing certificate was at the time of Signing the same & still is presiding Justice of our said Court and as such full faith and credit are due and should be given all his official acts as well in courts of Justice as there____. Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of April in the year 1831.

Chas Glasscock Clerk

State of Missouri County of Ralls Sct. I Walter Caldwell Presiding Justice of the County Court within and for the aforesaid county of Ralls do hereby Certify that Charles Glasscock whose signature and seal of office is set to the foregoing Certificate is Clerk of our said Court duly Commissioned and qualified and that his certificate is in due form of law Given under my hand this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty one

Walter Caldwell

At a Court held for Bedford County on the 23 day of May 1831. This power of attorney was exhibited in Court & together with the Certificate of acknowledgement thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The John Wright appointed was probably Joseph's brother, 1840 John Wright.

In August 1833 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/190 a commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Joseph Wright as guardian of the Markle children:

"Ordered that Joseph Wilson the commissioner of this Court state and settle the account of Joseph Wright as Guardian of the children of John Markle, and report to Court."

In September 1833 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/195 an account of Joseph Wright as guardian of the Markle children was filed:

"An account current between the children of John Markle and Joseph Wright their Guardian - returned and ordered to lie one term for exceptions."

In May 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/87 a commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Joseph Wright as guardian of the Markle children:

"Ordered that Joseph Wilson the Commissioner of this Court State and settle the account current of Joseph Wright guardian of Oliver P. H. Markle, Richard B Markle and John H Markle and make repot to Court."

In June 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/92 a guardian ad litem was appointed to represent the Markle orphans:

"Wright Guard. v Markles. In Chy. On motion of the plaintiff by counsel It is ordered that John Austin Wharton be appointed guardian ad litem to the infant defendants Richard B Markle and John H Markle to defend them in this cause."

In September 1835 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/147 the court ordered the sale of certain real property in and near Liberty:

"Wright Guardian &c v Markle & at Chy: This day this cause came on to be heard upon the bill of the plaintiff, the answers of John Markle, Oliver H. P. Markle, Richard B. Markle, the answer of the said Richard B. Markle, and John Harriett Markle by John A. Wharton Esqr. their Guardian ad litem, the last Will and testament of Charles Markle Sr. Deceased: a deed of Gift from the said Charles Marekle Sr. in his life time to the children of John Markle and Harriett his wife, a schedule of the estate real & personal of the infant defendants, the examination of witnesses, and was argued by council. Upon Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order, and decree that the house and lots in the town of Liberty and the tract of land in the neighborhood of said town in the bill mentioned and belonging to the infant defendants and Oliver H. P. Markle, be sold on a credit of one, two and three years, and that the purchaser or purchasers shall give bond with good personal security, and also a deed of trust upon the property to secure the purchase money, it appearing to the Court by satisfactory testimony that the interest of the infant defendants, the wards of the plaintiff manifestly require a sale of the said property, and that the right or rights of no other person or persons will be violated by such sale. And that the plaintiff after having executed bond to the Court now sitting in the penalty of eight thousand dollars with good security with a condition to invest the proceed of the sale, so far as the interest of said infants are concerned, in such manner as the Court may from time to time, direct, for the benifit of the said infants, as the purchase money is collected, carry this decree into effect. And that he have the land surveyed and divided into lots if necessary, and when sold Convey the title

to the purchaser - but before the sale shall take place he shall advertise the time and place thereof in the Lynchburg Virginian for four weeks successively - And that he report his proceedings to the Court in order to a final decree. And thereupon the plaintiff gave the bond with security agreeably to the requisition of the above order."

On November 3, 1835, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 25/142, D.B. 25/144, D.B. 25/145, and D.B. 25/181 Joseph Wright, as guardian, sold several parcels of land on behalf of the Markle Wards.

In January 1837 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/310 the account of Joseph Wright as guardian of the Markle children was filed with the court:

"A Guardian account of the children of John Markle with Jos. Wright Guardian returned to Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions."

In November 1837 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 26/69 another account of Joseph Wright as guardian of the Markle children was filed with the court:

"A guardian account of Richard B. Markle and John Markle heirs of Charles Markle Sr. with Joseph Wright their guardian. The Same."

In Early Settlers Of Ralls County, Missouri, Nell Downing Norton stated:

"(Joseph Wright, early settler of Ralls Co., was born in Bedford C. Va., the son of the Rev. soldier John Wright who died in Bedford Co. Va. in 1803. Joseph Wright died in Ralls in 1842 leaving a will in Bk B/45-6. NDN. He married Agnes Brown in Bedford Co. Va.)"

The will of Joseph Wright was dated on April 14, 1842, probated on _____, at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen: I Joseph Wright, of the County of Ralls in the State of Missouri, in view of the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death, and being unwell at this time, but of sound mind and disposing memory - wishing to dispose of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherewith I am possessed, do hereby make and publish my last Will and Testament as follows to wit: First: I trust my immortal Soul to the care of Almighty God, and wish my mortal body to be buried after my death, in a decent and Christian like manner. Second: It is my will and desire that all my just debts and liabilities be paid out of my estate. Third: I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Berm, the wife of Corbin

Berm, a certain negro-girl named Harriett (with her future increase if any) and her heirs and assigns. Fourth: I will and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Briggs, the wife of William Briggs and her heirs forever, a certain negro-girl named Ann (with her future increase if any) Fifth: I will and bequeath to my two grand children, Joseph Henry Wright and Sanford Wright, the sons of Peyton P. Wright deceased, the sum of fifty dollars each, to be paid to them after my decease out of my estate. Sixth: In as much as I have purchased of my son William C. Wright, the eighty acres of land lying between my residence and the residence of John A. Wright, at the price and for the sum of five hundred dollars, and paid him three hundred dollars in hand and have secured to him the payment of the other two hundred dollars, by transfer of two judgments in my favor against Luke W. Watkins and others - for which land he the said William C. Wright has not yet executed to me a deed of conveyance - Now if he the said William C. Wright shall well and truly execute and deliver to me in my lifetime, a sufficient deed for said land, clear of incumbrances suffered or done by him, or shall after my death, execute and deliver such deed, in favor of John A. Wright, Elizabeth Berm, and Rhoda Briggs and Scott Wright, reserving to himself one fifth part of said eighty acres of land then he the said William C. Wright, shall be entitled to the one equal fifth part of my estate after taking from my said estate, the legacies herein specified. It is further my will, in case the above mentioned deed shall be executed to myself or to my heirs, that my son John A. Wright, shall have hold and enjoy, all that part of said eighty acres of land, which lies on the south of side of Spencer Creek, being of the South east corner of said eighty acres, supposed to be three or four acres, clear of any claim upon the same by other of my other children. It is my will, in case my said son William C. Wright shall elect not to execute the deed for said land that he shall receive out of my estate the sum of five dollars, as his full portion of my estate including said land. It is my will and desire that all the remainder of my estate real and personal, shall be sold by my Executors herein-after named, at public auction to the highest bidder, at such time and on such terms as my Executors shall think best for the interest of the estate- (including the above eighty acres of land, if the deed shall have been received for it as above stated- except that portion above bequeathed to John A. Wright - And distributed as follows to wit, that is, if said William C. Wright shall execute said deed, he shall be entitled to one equal fifth part of my estate so to be sold, and if he shall elect to retain said land, then he is only to receive the said five dollars - and all my other children are to have an equal share of the proceeds of the sale of my estate above directed to be sold - except my son Scott Wright, he is only to receive a half share with the other children - and his child (by his first wife) named Polly, shall receive the other half share. It is further my will, that before the sale of my estate, that my Executors shall deliver to Aggy Wright Hildreth, daughter of Jesse Hildreth, a certain dark bay filly, which I won on the election. I nominate and appoint John A. Wright and Corbin Berm, to be the Executors of my estate, I hereby revoke and annul all former Wills or

Codicils heretofore made by me and publish this to be my last will and testament, witness my hand and seal this 14th day of April 1842.

Witnesses present)
John Ralls) Joseph Wright"
Peter W. Pierce)

This record identifies the family of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, as follows:

Wife: _____ (_____) Wright

Children:
1) Elizabeth (Wright) Berm,
2) Rhoda (Wright) Briggs,
3) Peyton P. Wright,
4) William C. Wright,
5) John A. Wright, and
6) Scott Wright.

Grandchildren:

Children of Peyton P. Wright
1) Joseph Henry Wright,
2) Sanford Wright,

Child of Scott Wright
1) Polly Wright.

On or about January 25, 1844, William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge filed a complaint in the Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 413, regarding the estate of 1803 John Wright alleging that Joseph Wright had taken a slave belonging to his mother's estate:

"To The Honourable Daniel A. Wilson Judge of The Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for the County of Bedford

"The Bill of Complaint of William McGeorge and Ruth his wife formerly Ruth Wright Respectfully represents unto your Honour, That John Wright the father of your Oratrix departed this life on the _____ day of _____ 1803 having first made and published his last will and Testament which was found and admitted to record in the County Court of Bedford in the __ day of September 1803 and Elizabeth Wright (the widow of the said John) and Tommy Wright & John Wright

the Executrix and Executors named in said will (having first entered into bond in the penalty of $10.000. with Anthony Wright Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Logwood as their securities conditioned according to law) qualified as such Executrix & Executors according to law

. . . .

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent That about twelve months after the death of the said John Wright the elder Joseph Wright one of the legatees of the Testator took into his possession against the consent of the said Elizabeth the slave given to him at the death of the said Elizabeth and without the consent & contrary to the wishes of the said Elizabeth carried him to the state of Kentucky and had the use & profits of the said slave ever after. Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that the said Joseph in his life time & his estate since his death is liable and ought to be herd to account for the hires of the said slaves from the time the said Joseph got possession of him until the death of the said Elizabeth.

. . . .

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that . . . . the said Joseph Wright has likewise departed this life intestate and administration on both of their estates has likewise been committed to the said Nicholas Robertson High Sheriff as aforesaid . . . ."

The deposition of Elizabeth Maddra dated March 30, 1846, in File 413 provided in part as follows:

"The Deposition of Elizabeth Maddra of Lawful age taken agreable to notice at the house of the said Elizabeth Maddra in the County of Roanoke, Va, on the 30 day of March 1846 to be read as Evidence in a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Bedford County in which William McGeorge and Ruth McGeorge are Plaintiffs and Tommy Wright James Wright and Joel Wright Executors of John Wright Dct. are Defendants - this Deponant first made Affirmation Deposeth and saith as followeth to wit

. . . .

Question by Same

Do you know that a short time after the death of John Wright the elder, that Joseph Wright run off a Negroe boy by the name of Isaac if so please to state all you know about it

Answer - John Wright the nephew of Joseph Wright came to the house of widow Wright the Mother of John Wright Jun and Said that he would go after Joseph Wright and bing him back and the old Lady said he should not - that she would not put one of her Children in the pennetentiary

Question by Defendants

Do you kno of your own knowledge that Joseph Wright run off the Negroe boy Isaac (above spoken of)

Answer - I do not - All I kno about it was hear say . . . ."

Mrs. Pauline Wright in The Wright Book listed Joseph Wright's date of birth as June 1, 1785. Since 1803 John Wright was residing in Bedford County in 1785, the place of birth would be probably at Bedford County. Mrs. Wright also stated that Joseph and Aga (Brown) Wright moved to Ralls County, Missouri, in 1819, and had the following children:

1) Peyton,
2) Carson,
3) John A.,
4) William C.,
5) Scott,
6) Agness,
7) Rhoda, and
8) Elizabeth.

Mrs. Parker's corrections to Our Kin included a citation to National Historical Magazine (DAR), Vol. LXIII, #1, p.63, listing Joseph Wright and Aga Brown as going to Ralls County, Missouri, and also listing the names of their children.

The will confirms some of the children of Joseph Wright and Aga (Brown) Wright as listed in The Wright Book, but does not mention Carson Wright and states that Aggy Wright Hildreth was the daughter of Jesse Hildreth and, therefore, probably a granddaughter of Joseph and Aga (Brown) Wright. The children would, therefore, be the following:

1) Elizabeth (Wright) Berm,
2) Rhoda (Wright) Briggs,
3) Peyton P. Wright,
4) William C. Wright,

5) John A. Wright,

6) Scott Wright,

7) Possibly Jesse (Wright) Hildreth, and

8) Possibly Carson Wright.

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Esther S. Connors stated that Scott Wright's name was Scott Brown Wright.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright were the following:

1) Elizabeth (Wright) Berm or Benn, born about 1806,

2) Rhoda (Wright) Briggs, born about 1808,

3) Peyton P. Wright, born about 1810,

4) William C. Wright, born about 1811 or 1821 at Missouri,

5) John A. Wright, born about 1812,

6) Scott Brown Wright, born about 1815 or 1819 at Breckenridge County, Kentucky, or at Missouri,

7) Aggy (Wright) Hildreth, born about 1813, and

8) Possibly Carson Wright.

a. <u>Elizabeth (Wright) Benn Or Berm, And Her Husband Oscar Benn Or Berm, And Her Descendants</u>

Elizabeth (Wright) Benn or Berm was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Elizabeth Berm as one of his children:

> ". . . . Third: I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Berm, the wife of Corbin Berm, a certain negro- girl named Harriett (with her future increase if any) and her heirs and assigns . . . ."

The will also identified her husband as Oscar Berm or Benn. The will was dated 1842 and if Elizabeth was at least 16 years of age when she married, her date of birth would be probably before 1827. Since no female children were listed in the Joseph Wright household in the 1830 Census, Elizabeth's date of birth would also be probably before 1815.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Elizabeth Wright was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, was born in about 1806, and married Corbin Benn.

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Elizabeth Wright was a daughter of Joseph Wright and Agnes (Brown) Wright, was born on July 29, 1806, at Kentucky, married Corbin Benn on September 11, 1823, at Pike County, Missouri, and died on August 31, 1867, at Pike County, Missouri,
that Corbin Benn was born on May 6, 1801, at Bourbon County, Kentucky, and died on February 22, 1882, at Pike County, Missouri, and that Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn had the following children:

1) Gabriella Benn, born in 1827,
2) Payton Benn, born in about 1830,
3) Agnes Catherine Benn, born in about 1835,
4) Texas Ann Benn, born on December 9, 1838,
5) Lucy W. Benn, born in 1842, and
6) Polly E. Benn, born in 1845.

i. Gabriella Benn

Gabriella Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Gabriella Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born in 1827.

ii. Payton Benn

Payton Benn was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Payton Benn was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born in about 1830.

iii. Agnes Catherine Benn

Agnes Catherine Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Agnes Catherine Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born in about 1835.

iv. Texas Ann Benn

Texas Ann Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Texas Ann Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born on December 9, 1838.

v. Lucy W. Benn

Lucy W. Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Lucy W. Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born in 1842.

vi. Polly E. Benn

Polly E. Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Elizabeth[4])

In his email dated October 24, 1999, Kevin Wayne Daniel stated that Polly E. Benn was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Benn and Corbin Benn and was born in 1845.

b. Rhoda (Wright) Briggs And Her Husband William Briggs

Rhoda (Wright) Briggs was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Rhoda Briggs as one of his daughters:

> ". . . . Fourth: I will and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Briggs, the wife of William Briggs and her heirs forever, a certain negro-girl named Ann (with her future increase if any) . . . ."

The will identified the husband of Rhoda as William Briggs. The will was dated 1842 and if Rhoda was at least 16 years of age when she married, her date of birth would be probably before 1827. Since no female children were listed in the Joseph Wright household in the 1830 Census, Elizabeth's date of birth would also be probably before 1815.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Rhoda Wright was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, was born in about 1808, and married William Briggs.

c. Peyton P. Wright, His Wife _____ (_____) Wright, And His Descendants

Peyton P. Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ ___ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Peyton P. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Fifth: I will and bequeath to my two grand children, Joseph Henry Wright and Sanford Wright, the sons of Peyton P. Wright deceased, the sum of fifty dollars each, to be paid to them after my decease out of my estate . . . ."

This record indicates that Peyton P. Wright had died before April 14, 1842, and had two sons, Joseph Henry Wright and Sanford Wright.

The 1850 Census for Pike County, Missouri, listed Joseph Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Born
Joseph Wright	17	M	Farmer	Missouri
Sanford P. Wright	15	M		Missouri

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Payton Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, was born in about 1810, married, and had two children:

1) Sanford Wright, born about 1831, and

2) Joseph Henry Wright, born about 1833.

From the evidence set forth above the children of Peyton P. Wright and ____ (____) Wright were the following:

1) Joseph Henry Wright, born about 1833 at Missouri, and

2) Sanford Wright, born about 1835 at Missouri.

i. Joseph Henry Wright

Joseph Henry Wright was a son of Peyton P. Wright and ____ (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Peyton P.[4])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated April 14, 1842, and probated on ____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Joseph Henry Wright as a son of Peyton P. Wright:

> ". . . . Fifth: I will and bequeath to my two grand children, Joseph Henry Wright and Sanford Wright, the sons of Peyton P. Wright deceased, the sum of fifty dollars each, to be paid to them after my decease out of my estate. . . ."

The 1850 Census for Pike County listed Joseph Wright and his occupation farmer, born in Missouri, and his age as 17, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Joseph Henry Wright was a son of Payton Wright and was born in about 1833.

ii. Sanford Wright

Sanford Wright was a son of Peyton P. Wright and _____ (_____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Peyton P.[4])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Sanford Wright as a son of Peyton P. Wright:

> ". . . . Fifth: I will and bequeath to my two grand children, Joseph Henry Wright and Sanford Wright, the sons of Peyton P. Wright deceased, the sum of fifty dollars each, to be paid to them after my decease out of my estate. . . ."

The 1850 Census for Pike County listed Sanford Wright in the Joseph Wright household and his age as 15 and born in Missouri, indicating a date of birth in about 1835.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Sanford Wright was a son of Payton Wright and was born in about 1831.

d. 1897 William Carson Wright Of Yolo County, California, His Wife Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright, And His Descendants

1897 William Carson Wright of Yolo County, California, was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed William C. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Sixth: In as much as I have purchased of my son William C. Wright, the eighty acres of land lying between my residence and the residence of John A. Wright, at the price and for the sum of five hundred dollars, and paid him three hundred dollars in hand and have secured to him the payment of the other two hundred dollars, by transfer of two judgments in my favor against Luke W. Watkins and others - for which land he the said William C. Wright has not yet executed to me a deed of conveyance - Now if he the said William C. Wright

shall well and truly execute and deliver to me in my lifetime, a sufficient deed for said land, clear of incumbrances suffered or done by him, or shall after my death, execute and deliver such deed, in favor of John A. Wright, Elizabeth Berm, and Rhoda Briggs and Scott Wright, reserving to himself one fifth part of said eighty acres of land then he the said William C. Wright, shall be entitled to the one equal fifth part of my estate after taking from my said estate, the legacies herein specified . . . ."

The will was dated April 14, 1842, and stated that William C. Wright then owned land. If William was at least 18 years of age when he owned the land, his date of birth would be probably before 1825.

The 1850 Census for Pike County, Missouri, listed William C. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Born
William C. Wright	29	M	Farmer	Missouri
Sarah J. Wright	26	F		Missouri
Mary L. Wright	8	F		Missouri
Araminta Wright	5	F		Missouri
Penelope E. Wright	2	F		Missouri

This record indicates that William C. Wright was born about 1821 and that Sarah J. (Sutton) Wright was born about 1824.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that the 1860 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed William C. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupa-tion	Personal Property	Born
W. C. Wright	37	M	Dairyman	2560	Missouri
Sarah J. Wright	35	F			Missouri
Arminta A. Wright	15	F			Missouri
Penelope E. Wright	13	F			Missouri
Carmina W. Wright	8	F			Missouri
William N. Wright	5	M			California
Tyra J. Wright	2	M			California

This record indicates that William C. Wright was born in about 1823 and that Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright was born about 1825.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson also stated that the 1870 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed William C. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Property	Personal Property	Born
William C. Wright	48	M	Farmer	4000	1000	Missouri
Sarah J. Wright	45	F				Missouri
Tyra J. Wright	12	M				California

This record indicates that William C. Wright was born in about 1822 and that Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright was born about 1825.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson also stated that the death record of William C. Wright was dated on September 26, 1897, at Yolo County, California, and stated that he was born in Missouri, was 77 years of age, indicating a date of birth in about 1820, was a widower, and died of natural causes.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson also stated that the death record of Araminta Lane was dated on February 9, 1918, at Yolo County, California, and stated that her parents were William C. Wright and Sarah Jane Sutton and that she had resided in California for 64 years, indicating that the family had migrated to California in about 1854.

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that William C. Wright married Sarah Sutton.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that William C. Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Agness (Brown) Wright, was born about 1811, and married Sarah Sutton in 1841.

In his letter dated June 4, 1997, and email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson enclosed family group sheets which stated that William C. Wright was born about 1821 and married Sarah J. Sutton, that Sarah J. Sutton was born about 1824, and that William C. Wright and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright had the following children:

1) Mary L. Wright, born in about 1842 at Missouri,

2) Araminta (Wright) Lane, born about 1845, at Missouri, and

3) Penelope E. Wright, born in about 1847 at Missouri.

From the evidence set forth above the children of William C. Wright and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright were the following:

1) Mary L. Wright, born about 1842 at Missouri,

2) Araminta (Wright) Lane, born on September 3, 1844 at Missouri, and

3) Penelope E. Wright, born about 1847 or 1848 at Missouri,

4) Carmina W. Wright, born about 1852 at Missouri,

5) William N. Wright, born about 1855 at California, and

6) Tyra J. Wright, born about 1858 at California.

In her emails dated April 20 & 29, 2002, Gracie O'Connor stated that William Carson Wright was born in 1822 at Ralls County, Missouri, married Sarah J. Sutton in 1841, and moved to California after the Mexican War, and that William Carson Wright and Sarah J. (Sutton) Wright had the following child:

1) Erminnia Mernilva (Wright) Long, born on June 9, 1852, at Hannibal, Missouri.

I. Mary L. Wright

Mary L. Wright was a daughter of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

The 1850 Census for Pike County listed Mary L. Wright in the William C. Wright household and her age as 8 and born in Missouri, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

ii. Araminta (Wright) Lane, Her Husband Levi Conover Lane, And Her Descendants

Araminta (Wright) Lane was a daughter of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

The 1850 Census for Pike County listed Araminta Wright in the William C. Wright household and her age as 5 and born in Missouri, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that death record of Araminta Lane was dated on February 9, 1918, at Yolo County, California, and stated that her parents were William C. Wright, born in Missouri, and Sarah Jane Sutton, born in Missouri, that she was born on September 3, 1844, that she was a widow, that she had resided in California for 64 years, that she died of "diabetes melistis", and that she was buried at Knights Landing Cemetery.

In his letter dated June 4, 1997, and email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson enclosed family group sheets which stated that Araminta A. Wright was born about 1845 at Missouri, and married Levi Conover Lane on Nov 27, 1861, at Knights Landing, Yolo County, California, and that Araminta A. (Lane) Wright and Levi Conover Wright had the following children:

1) Phoebe M. (Lane) Hoover, born in December 1863 at Knights Landing, Yolo County, California,

2) Asa Levi Lane, born in 1866 at Knights Landing, Yolo County, California,

3) John Oscar Lane, born on June 23, 1873, at Colusa County, California,

4) Georgie A. Lane, born about 1876 at Colusa County, California, and

5) Delia Lane, born about 1878 at Colusa County, California.

iii. Penelope E. Wright

Penelope E. Wright was a daughter of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

The 1850 Census for Pike County listed Penelope E. Wright in the William C. Wright household and her age as 2 and born in Missouri, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

iv. Carmina W. Or Erminnia Mernilva (Wright) Long And Her Husband George Washington Long

Carmina W. or Erminnia Mernilva (Wright) Long was a daughter of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that the 1860 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed Carmina W. Wright in the William C. Wright household and her age as 8 and born in Missouri, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

In her emails dated April 20 & 29, 2002, Gracie O'Connor stated that Erminnia Mernilva Wright was a daughter of William Carson Wright and Sarah J. (Sutton) Wright, was born on June 9, 1852, at Hannibal, Missouri, and married George Washington Long on October 28, 1867, at Sacramento, California, and that George Washington Long died in 1894.

v. William N. Wright

William N. Wright was a son of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that the 1860 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed William N. Wright in the William C. Wright household and his age as 5 and born in California, indicating a date of birth in about 1855.

vi. Tyra J. Wright

Tyra J. Wright was a son of 1897 William C. Wright of Yolo County, California, and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], 1897 William C.[4])

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that the 1860 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed Tyra J. Wright in the William C. Wright household and his age as 2 and born in California, indicating a date of birth in about 1858.

In his email dated July 23, 1997, Harold Halverson stated that the 1870 Census for Cache Creek, Yolo County, California, listed Tyra J. Wright in the William C. Wright household and his age as 12 and born in California, indicating a date of birth in about 1858.

e. John A. Wright And His Wife Susan E. (Shannon) Wright

John A. Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed John A. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . It is further my will, in case the above mentioned deed shall be executed to myself or to my heirs, that my son John A. Wright, shall have hold and enjoy, all that part of said eighty acres of land, which lies on the south of side of Spencer Creek, being of the South east corner of said eighty acres, supposed to be three or four acres, clear of any claim upon the same by other of my other children . . . ."

The will was dated April 14, 1842, and stated that John A. Wright then owned land. If John was at least 18 years of age when he owned the land, his date of birth would be probably before 1825.

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that John A. Wright married Susan E. Shannon.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that John A. Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Agness (Brown) Wright, was born about 1812, and married Susan E. Shannon in 1839.

f. 1865 Scott Brown Wright Of Putnam County, Missouri, His Wives Mary (Lewellen) Wright And Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright, And His Descendants

1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright dated on April 14, 1842, and probated on _____ ___ at Ralls County, Missouri, W.B. B/45 listed Scott Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . and all my other children are to have an equal share of the proceeds of the sale of my estate above directed to be sold - except my son Scott Wright, he is only to receive a half share with the other children - and his child (by his first wife) named Polly, shall receive the other half share . . . ."

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that Scott Brown Wright was born in 1815 in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, or in 1819 in Missouri, that he married first Mary Lewellen in about 1833 and had a daughter Polly Wright, that he married second Susan Emily Ledford and had four children:

1) Charles Martin Wright, born May 12 or November 1841,
2) William "Will" S. Wright, born in 1843,
3) James Weston Wright, born in 1845 at Missouri, and
4) Susan Ellen (Wright) Morrow, born January 13, 1847, at Putnam County, Missouri.

Mrs. Connors also stated that Scott B. Wright was a farmer and a hotel owner in 1840 in Putnamville, Missouri, and that, according to family tradition, he went to California in 1849 during the gold rush, that he returned to Putnamville, Missouri, by 1860, and that he died intestate in early June 1865.

In his letter dated July 17, 1988, Mr. James Ferguson enclosed the same family information regarding Scott Brown Wright.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Scott Brown Wright was a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Agness (Brown) Wright, was born in 1815 at Kentucky, married first Mary Lewellen on May 16, 1837, married second Susan E. Ledford on November 4, 1838, at Pike County, Missouri, and that Scott Brown Wright and Mary (Lewellen) Wright had the following child:

1) Polly Wright,

and that Scott Brown Wright and Susan E. (Ledford) Wright had the following children:

1) Charles Mangin Wright, born in 1841,

2) William Wright, born in 1843,

3) James Weston Wright, born in 1845, and

4) Susan Ellen (Wright) Morrow, born on January 13, 1847.

In his letter dated February 10, 2002, James Ferguson enclosed family group sheets which stated that Scott B. Wright married Susan Emeline Ledford, that Scott Brown Wright was born in 1815 at Breckenridge County, Kentucky, that Susan Emeline (Ledford) Wright was born in about 1821 at Kentucky, and that Scott B. Wright and Susan Emeline (Ledford) Wright had the following children:

1) Charles Maston Wright, born on November 12, 1841, and

2) James Weston Wright, born in 1845 at Putnam County, Missouri.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the only child of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Mary (Lewellen) Wright was the following:

1) Polly Wright, and

that the children of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright were the following:

1) Charles Martin or Mangin Wright, born on May 12 or November 12, 1841,

2) William "Will" S. Wright, born in 1843 at Missouri,

3) James Weston Wright, born in 1845 at Putnam County, Missouri, and

4) Susan Ellen (Wright) Morrow, born on January 13, 1847, at Putnam County, Missouri.

I. Polly Wright

Polly Wright was a daughter of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Mary (Lewellen) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Scott[4])

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that Polly Wright was a daughter of 1865 Scott Brown Wright and Mary (Lewellen) Wright. In his letter dated July 17, 1988, Mr. James Ferguson stated the same.

ii. 1906 Charles Martin Or Maston Wright Of Putnam County, Missouri, His Wife Mary A. (Cummons Or Cummins) Wright, And His Descendants

1906 Charles Martin or Maston Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, was a son of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Scott[4])

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that Charles Martin Wright was a son of Scott Brown Wright and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright, was born on May or November 12, 1841, married Mary A. ____, was a farmer, died on May 6, 1906, and was buried in the Summers Family Cemetery in Putnam County, Missouri, that Mary A. (Cummons) Wright was buried in the Summers Family Cemetery in Putnam County, Missouri, and that Charles Martin Wright and Mary A. (Cummons) Wright had the following children:

1) William W. Wright, born 1867;
2) Thomas S. Wright, born in June 1869;
3) Scott B. Wright, born in July 1872;
4) Charles W. Wright, born in August 1875;
5) James C. Wright, born in June 1878;
6) Susan L. (Wright) Casteel, born in July 1882;
7) Logan G. Wright, born in January 1884;
8) Walter Curiah Wright, born in January 1887; and
9) Grover Wright, born in July 1889.

In his letter dated July 17, 1988, Mr. James Ferguson included the same information as Mrs. Connors regarding the Charles Martin Wright family and additionally, that he married Mary A. Cummons in Putnam County, Missouri.

In his letter dated February 10, 2002, James Ferguson enclosed family group sheets which stated that Charles Maston Wright was a son of Scott Brown Wright and Susan Emeline (Ledford) Wright, was born on November 12, 1841, married Mary A. Cummins, died on May 6, 1906, and was buried at Liberty Township, Putnam County,

Missouri, and that Charles Maston Wright and Mary A. (Cummins) Wright had the following children:

1) William W. Wright, born in 1867 at Missouri,
2) Thomas S. Wright, born in June 1869 at Missouri,
3) Scott B. Wright, born in July 1872 at Missouri,
4) Charles W. or Maston Wright, born in August 1875 at Missouri,
5) James C. Wright, born in June 1878 at Missouri,
6) Susan L. (Wright) Casteel, born in July 1882 at Missouri,
7) Logan G. Wright, born in January 1884,
8) Walter C. Wright, born in 1887 at Missouri, and
9) Grover Wright, born in July 1889 at Missouri.

iii. William "Will" S. Wright And His Wife Kizie (Bradum) Wright

William "Will" S. Wright was a son of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Scott[4])

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that William "Will" S. Wright was a son of Scott Brown Wright and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright, was born in 1843, married Kizie Bradum about May 25, 1862, that Kizie (Bradum) Wright was born in about 1840, and that they resided north of Hartford, Putnam County, Missouri, and that they had no children. Mrs. Connors also stated that William S. Wright:

> ". . . . was in the Civil War, serving for the Union. When he returned from the war he got a pension and retired, never to work again. According to a family realtive who remembers him, he used to sit in the yard and smoke all the time, and there was a great pile of matches around his sitting spot."

In his letter dated July 17, 1988, Mr. James Ferguson included the same information as Mrs. Connors regarding the William S. Wright family.

iv. 1883 James Weston Wright of Chautauqua County, Kansas, His Wife Mary Ann (Beerbower) Wright, And His Descendants

1883 James Weston Wright of Chautauqua County, Kansas, was a son of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Scott[4])

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that James Weston Wright was a son of Scott Brown Wright and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright, was born in 1845, married Mary Ann Beerbower on March 18, 1866, at Schuyler County, Missouri, and was murdered on May 18, 1883, circumstances unknown, at Hale Chautauqua County, Kansas, and was buried at Chautauqua County, Kansas, that Mary Ann (Beerbower) Wright was born on October 18, 1846, died on May 21, 1910, and was buried at Chautauqua County, Kansas, that they had the following children:

1) Susan Emeline (Wright) McConnel, born on November 18, 1867, at Schuyler County, Missouri;

2) Mary Ellen Wright, born on May 27, 1870, in Missouri;

3) Artie Michie (Wright) Byers, born on January 13, 1873;

4) Etta May (Wright) Ferguson, born on August 26, 1877, at Chatauqua County, Missouri; and

5) Viola Christina (Wright) Ferguson, born on May 16, 1881, in Kansas.

In his letters dated July 17, 1988, and February 10, 2002, Mr. James Ferguson included the same information as Mrs. Connors regarding the James Weston Wright family and additionally enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Ellen Wright was born in Schuyler County, Missouri, and that Viola Christina (Wright) Ferguson was born in Chautauqua County, Kansas.

v. Susan Ellen (Wright) Morrow, Her Husband John S. Morrow, And Her Descendants

Susan Ellen (Wright) Morrow was a daughter of 1865 Scott Brown Wright of Putnam County, Missouri, and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Scott[4])

In her letter dated June 17, 1988, Mrs. Esther S. Connors stated that Susan Ellen (Wright) was a daughter of Scott Brown Wright and Susan Emily (Ledford) Wright, was born on January 13, 1847 in Putnam County, Missouri, married John S. Morrow on July 29, 1860 in Putnam County, Missouri, died on January 3, 1933, and was buried in the Rose Cemetery, Putnam County, Missouri, that John S. Morrow was born in 1843, and that they had ten or fourteen children.

In his letter dated July 17, 1988, Mr. James Ferguson included the same information as Mrs. Connors regarding the Ellen (Wright) Morrow family and additionally stated that Ellen (Wright) Morrow and John S. Morrow had ten children, including the following:

1) Tobe Morrow;
2) James Morrow;
3) Mart Morrow;
4) Omar Morrow; and
5) Betty (Morrow) Kelley.

g. Aggy (Wright) Hildreth, Her Husband Jesse Hildreth, And Her Descendants

Aggy (Wright) Hildreth was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright did not expressly identify _____ (Wright) Hildreth as a child of 1842 Joseph Wright, but it did provide for a gift to Jesse Wright's daughter Aggy Wright Hildreth. This suggests a grandparent relationship with Aggy and in turn a father-in-law relationship to Jesse.

In his letter dated January 15, 1992, Jay B. Wright enclosed family group sheets from James Ferguson which stated that Aggy Wright was a daughter of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Agness (Brown) Wright, was born about 1813, and married Jesse Hildreth.

From the evidence set forth above the only child of Aggy (Wright) Hildreth and Jesse Hildreth was the following:

1) Aggy Wright Hildreth, born before April 14, 1842.

l. Aggy Wright Hildreth

Aggy Wright Hildreth was a daughter of Aggy (Wright) Hildreth and Jesse Hildreth. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3], Aggy[4])

The will of 1842 Joseph Wright did not expressly identify Aggy Wright Hildreth as a grandchild, but did identify her as a child of Jesse Hildreth.

h. Possibly Carson Wright

Carson Wright was possibly a son of 1842 Joseph Wright of Ralls County, Missouri, and Aga (Brown) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], 1842 Joseph[3])

The Wright Book and Mrs. Parker's corrections to Our Kin listed Carson Wright as a child of 1842 Joseph Wright, but further research will be required to confirm this identification.

10. Ruth (Wright) McGeorge, Her Husband William McGeorge, And Her Descendants

Ruth (Wright) McGeorge was a daughter of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2])

The will of 1803 John Wright dated August 11, 1803, and probated on September 26, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 3/13 listed Ruth Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Tenthly I do give to my daughter Ruth one negroe Girl named margaret, Also one hundred and thirty five Acre Land Securing (Joining?) Henry Hurt, Anderson Wheler and Elijah Clarke also one black mare, Bed & furniture . . . ."

The marriage bond of Ruthy Wright, daughter of Elizabeth, and William McGeorge was dated on May 30, 1810, at Bedford County, Virginia, with John Wright as surety:

"Bedford County 26th May 1810

It is hereby certifyed that I have consented William McGeorge enter into marriag with my daughter Ruthy you will therefor please grant him a licence and Oblige

To The Clerk of Bedford — Your Notable
Witness — Elizabeth Wright
John Wright
Matthew Pate

Know all Men by these presents that We William McGeorge & John Wright are held and firmly bound unto John Tyler Esqr. Governor or chief Magistrate of the state of Virginia in the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars current money of Va for the true payment of which to the said Governor or his successor for the use of the state, we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs &c jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 28th day of May 1810 - The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound William McGeorge & Ruthy Wright - Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage then this Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed & Acknowd) Wm McGeorge
In presence of) John Wright"

Since 1803 John Wright was dead at the time of this marriage, Elizabeth was properly listed as the parent of Ruthy Wright and the John Wright acting as surety was probably Ruthy Wright's brother 1840 John Wright.

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one William McGeorge with the following members of his household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	16-26	1	16-26

The 1820 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one William McGeorge with the following members of his household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	26-45	1	26-45
1	10-15	4	0-10
1	0-10		

These two listings indicate a birth date for both William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge between 1784 and 1794. Since 1803 John Wright was residing in Bedford County between 1784 and 1794, the place of birth of Ruth was probably at Bedford County.

On April 3, 1821, in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, Lynchburg, Virginia, File 1373, Elizabeth (Pate) Wright filed suit against her son 1840 John Wright for an accounting for the use of the slaves left to her by her husband 1803 John Wright. In his deposition dated October 5, 1821, in File 1373 John McGeorge stated that Elizabeth (Pate) Wright had moved in with William McGeorge:

> ". . . . That he rembers Last Summer hearing John Wright tell his mother she might have corn or wheat or any any thing else he had to eat if she would send for it, That a few Days afterwards he heard Mrs. Elizabeth Wright say she was then Boarding with William McGeorge and that her sons John & Tommy had all her negroes and she was not able to go for any thing . . . ."

The deposition of John Jeter dated October 8, 1821, in File 1373 expanded on that move:

> "On the third day of march last being at the dwelling house of Mrs Elizabeth Wright, and the day of her removal from the same, her son John Wright came in, and before any other person came in. Ther arose a talk about her moving, John Write askd her why she was agoing to leave her home;; she said she had no home. John askd why, or whether he offered to deprive her of her preasant home; she answered that he had not. But it was not will'd to her. John told her that it was his fathers intention for her to live at that place and in that house her lifetime and that he had forgoten to mention it or it was neglected by the writer. I therfore assure you before Mr Jeter that I never will take it from you nor suffer any other person to take it, or interrupt you at it so long as you and I live;; And it would be a satisfaction to me for you to stay, and be satisfy'd, you shall keep Jude and her Children as you have done, And when you want any other of the Boys you shall have them, to do any thing you want them to do. if you will let me know when you do want them; And I will (as I have done) keep you in all of the necessaries of life that you stand in need off About this time came people with a carriage and in the course of the day mov'd her household and kitching furniture

to Capt. William MGeorge's, And after the most of the furniture was moved off, ther was somthing said about the stock John told his mother that as she would gow he was willing for her to take two-thirds of the stock, but one-third of the stock was his, that he should keep it, but he thought that, as there was rough food plenty, she had better let the cattle and sheep stay where they were, til the food came in the woods, and he would feed them. . . ."

The next deposition in File 1373 was of John McGeorge on May 8, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant sayeth that he was at the house of John Wright that the plaintiff was there and demanded the Stock of him and that he agreed to give her two thirds of the Cattle and hogs and part of the sheep and part of the wool after they where shorn, the plaintiff Replied that she was ready and then wished to take one or two of the milk cows, to which the deft. John Wright Returned no answer. This deponant further saith that he was present when William McGeorge as agent for the plaintiff demanded a negro man Peter, and other property which the deft. had said he would give up at any time, that the said William McGeorge informed him that he was prepared to give him good security for the same, and that Joseph Wright advised him to give up one negro to wait on his mother. to all of which the defendant Replied that he had counsel of his own and that he should not give up any of the property except a table that he wished to retract that.

Quest 1st by the Deft.

Did not you aid William McGeorge in Removeng the plaintiff to his house.

Answer. I did but had no interest in so doing and was living with said Wm. McGeorge at that time.

Quest 2d by the same. Did you think the plaintiff was satisfied on breaking up and leaveing me.

Answer. I think she was, for she replied that she could not nor would not live with you any longer and further this deponant sayeth not

John McGeorge"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of William Holladay on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"This deponant saith that he has always lived a near neighbour to John Wright & his mother Elizabeth Wright and has frequently resorted the house and always

found John Wright and his mother to Live in peace and harmony and always thought he treated her with the utmost kindness On the 16th of November 1820 he saith he was at that time at John Wrights and says at that time that he and Capt William McGeorge who married the youngest daughter of the plaintiff fell in conversation respecting some negros now in possesion of John Wright Capt McGeorge told me that if he had of had as good Luck with his as John had with his he would of had nearly as many as he had and think it as unjust for him to claim a part of John Wrights as for him to claim a part of his and this deponant further saith that Capt William McGeorge said he would not give one cent for the rite he had to John Wrights said negros

Question by the plff

Did I not say at the time the above conversation took place that I believed the negros ought to belong to the plff

Ans. I believe you did

William Holladay"

The next deposition in File 1373 was of Polly Richards on May 9, 1822, and provided as follows:

"And this deponant saith that She lived on the same plantation with John Wright and his mother in the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen and always discoverd that the said John found Every thing nessesary for the support of Life as she frequently resorted the house an saith that she always thought said John Wright treeted his mother with the utmost tenderness & regard that in the course of the said year she says she heard Elizabeth Wright say she was spinning flax for Ruthy McGeorge her youngest daughter She further saith that she saw said plff kniting stocking for Ruthy McGeorge's children and said she had knit them a pare a peace this deponant further saith that she was imployd her self to spin Eight pounds of flax for said Ruthy McGeorge & that after she had spun the flax she had to spin she askd this plff mother of the said Ruthy McGeorge if Mrs. McGeorge had the ballance of her flax spun and the plff Mrs Wright answerd she had for she spun it her self and that she had sent for a twist at a time till she had obtaind and spun it all for said Ruthy McGeorge Daughter to the plaintiff Mrs. Wright And this deponant further saith that she and Ruthy McGeorge fell in conversation during the said year concerning there situation and this deponant was complaining of her own situation as respecting her having no person to help her to support her family and saith the ruthy McGeorge daughter of the plaintiff said if it ware not for her mother she and William McGeorge could not keep house And this deponant further saith that she was the same year imployd in making up the negro clothing which consisted of negro cotton

Question by Plff

Did not the plaintiff pay you for making the negroes cloths above namd - Ans. She did pay me in spun yarn out of the house

Polly X Richards"

The next document in File 1373 was an agreement that Elizabeth Wright and William McGeorge would not carry the slave Peter out of the state of Virginia and provided as follows:

"Whereas by the last will and Testament of John Wright Decd late of Bedford County, he devised unto his son Anthony Wright a Certain negro fellow by the name of Peter to be his property at the Death of the Testators wife but to be the property of the Testators wife During her lifetime, and John Wright Junr. having purchased the Reversionary Right of the said negro, wee bind ourselves Our Heirs &c that the said negro shall nott be carried out of the State of Virginia by any Conveyance or Consent of ours during the life of the Testaors wife, and then shall be Delivered to the said Jno Wright or those claiming under him as wittness our hands this 30th day of December 1822, the Said negro boy has never been Delivered to us since the institution of the Suit of Elizabeth Wright against the said John Wright and Tommy Wright till the date above written as wittness our hands and Seals to the above date &c

Witness
Jeremiah Adams

her
Elizabeth x Wright
mark
William McGeorge"

The suit was settled by an agreement between Elizabeth (Pate) Wright and her son 1840 John Wright. After the death of Elizabeth (Pate) Wright in about 1844 further litigation was commenced.

On or about January 25, 1844, William McGeorge and Ruth (Wright) McGeorge filed a further complaint in the Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 413, regarding the estate of 1803 John Wright:

"To The Honourable Daniel A. Wilson Judge of The Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery holden for the County of Bedford

The Bill of Complaint of William McGeorge and Ruth his wife formerly Ruth Wright Respectfully represents unto your Honour, That John Wright the father of your Oratrix departed this life on the ____ day of ____ 1803 having first made

and published his last will and Testament which was found and admitted to record in the County Court of Bedford in the __ day of September 1803 and Elizabeth Wright (the widow of the said John) and Tommy Wright & John Wright the Executrix and Executors named in said will (having first entered into bond in the penalty of $10.000. with Anthony Wright Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Logwood as their securities conditioned according to law) qualified as such Executrix & Executors according to law (as will more fully appear by office copies of the said will & probat & of the executorial bond aforesaid herewith exhibited marked _____) and took upon themselves the burden of the execution of the said will.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that shortly after the death of the Testator the executrix & executors took into their possession the whole of the estate of their Testator and caused an appraisement of the personal property of said estate to be made which amounted to the sum of £953.13.5 including slaves and to the sum of £503.13.5 exclusive of the slaves as will more fully appear by an office copy of the same herewith exhibited as part of this bill marked

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that by the will aforesaid the said Testator gave to your Oratrix a negro Girl named Margaret a Tract of Land & Horse & Bed, To Tommy Wright a negro called Tye to be his own property at the death of Testator's wife To his son Anthony Wright a negro boy Peter upon the same condition & terms To his son the said John Wright a negro boy named Sam & a negro woman named Milly to be his property at the death of his (testator's) wife To his son Joseph Wright a negro boy named Isaac to be his own property at the death of Testators wife to his daughter Betsy a negro Girl named Jude upon the same terms and after various other devises and bequests he devised & bequeathed to his wife Elizabeth Wright as follows viz. "I do will to my well beloved wife all my money in hand or owing to me by notes bonds or accompts Together with all my stock of every kind Household & Kitchen furniture with all my negroes that is grown &c her life time then to be divided as above, Whatever stock should be in hand at my wife's death I do will shall be equally divided between John Joseph & Ruth being my three youngest children "as will more fully and at large appear by the said will herein before referred to

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that by a fair & proper construction of the said Will That the Testators daughters Nancy Asbury, Rhoda & your Oratrix took a present interest & right in the property specifically devised & bequeathed to them immediately upon the death of the testator, and that the other devises and legatees took no right or interest in the property specifically devised & bequeathed to them until the termination of the life estate of the Testator's wife (except such of them as to the delivery of whose legacies was discretionary with the Testators said wife whose right & property commenced whenever she chose to deliver over the legacies bequeathed at her discretion) and that those legatees

are only entitled to the property specifically bequeathed to them at the time when their right of possession to the same accrued and no more and that as to the increase of the slaves Rachael, Jude Hannah & Milly in the will mentioned from the death of the said Testator to the times when the several specific legatees of the said slaves would under the provisions of the said Will be entitled to the same whatever that increase may have been belonged to and was part of the estate of the Testator and was & is subject to be divided among his heirs at law according to the statute of descents. And as to all the other personal chattels of the said Testator not otherwise disposed of by the said Will, that the said John Wright Joseph Wright & your oratrix became entitled to the same as the residuary legatees of said Testator

Your orator & oratrix further represent that for a few years (some two or three) after the death of the Testator the said John Wright resided with the said Elizabeth in the capacity of manager after which the said John Wright took possession of all of the estate of the said Testator and took the management of the whole matter into his own hand only allowing his mother the said Elizabeth a support from the profits of the same and applied all the residue of the annual profits of said Estate to his own use. They further represent that this state of things continued for several years between the said John & his mother when she became dissatisfied with the compensation paid to her by the said John for the use of the estate bequeathed & devised to her for life as aforesaid and the said John being unwilling to pay her what she deemed a fair compensation for the use & profits of the said estate or to restore the possession of the same to her She finally in the year 1821 instituted a suit in the late Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District against the said John Wright & his Co-Executor Tommy Wright to recover the possession of the Estate so devised & bequeathed to her for life as aforesaid and of the profits thereof whilst the same had remained in the possession of the said John Wright upon which such proceedings were had that on the 27 day of October 1823 a decree was pronounced in said cause requiring the said John Wright to deliver to the said Elizabeth all the estate of the said John Wright Decd upon her executing bond & security Conditioned for the forthcoming of said property at her death and for making just compensation to the defendants for any loss or injury which might happen to the said furniture stock or slaves or their increase which might happen by the misconduct or negligence of the said Elizabeth as will more fully and at large appear by the copies of the bill of the said Elizabeth answers of said John & Tommy and proceedings in the said suit herewith exhibited as part of this bill marked ____

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that after the decree aforesaid was made the said John Tommy & Elizabeth Wright entered into a compromise whereby it was agreed that the said Elizabeth should not give the bond required of her by the decree of the chancellor and that the said John should not be required to

surrender said estate or to account for its profits. In consideration of which it was agreed that the said John & Tommy Wright should convey or cause to be conveyed to the said Elizabeth an absolute title to the slaves Peter & Ben and Jude & her children, and to support her during her life and accordingly the said slaves were conveyed to her, the said Peter & Ben by the said John Wright & the said Jude & her children by Joel Wright the son of said Tommy & in behalf of the said Tommy (the said Tommy having before that made over his property to said Joel by deed of gift). The said Tommy & John claimed the slaves Peter & Jude as having purchased the same from the persons entitled to them as remainder under the will of the said John Wright Decd after the death of said Elizabeth and pretended to claim the said Ben & the children of Jude because they were the children of Negro women slaves to which they would be entitled either as specific legatees or as purchasers of specific legatees after the death of said Elizabeth (notwithstanding they were born before they became entitled to their mothers and notwithstanding the will had made no bequest of the issue of the slaves born during the life estate and had expressly limited the life estate as to shuch slaves as were grown & directed those particular slaves to be given to the specific legatees at the death of the said Elizabeth showing clearly that the Testator did not intend to dispose of the issue of the female slaves born pending the life estate of his wife to the persons who would be entitled to their masters at the termination of the life estate). And the said John was to hold the residue of the said Estate during the life time of the said Elizabeth and at her death was to account to the residuary legatees for the stock & perishable estate of the said Testator

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that the said Elizabeth Wright the widow of the Testator was entitled under the will aforesaid to nothing more than the use of the property devised & bequeathed to him during her natural life and was bound to keep up the stocks of Hogs Cattle Sheep Brood Mares &c so as to render the same at her death to the remaindermen in the same condition she received them from the Testator's estate and that for the crop on hand at the Testator's death over & above a sufficiency for the family and for all the stock & perishable property sold by her and principal of all money collected by her her Estate at her death was liable to the residuary legatees before named and that in as much as it was the duty of the said John & Tommy Wright to have required bond & security of the said Elizabeth for the forthcoming of said property at her death (and more especially as they were required to take such bond by the decree aforesaid) If they had the said property themselves or delivered it over to said Elizabeth without such bond They are bound to account for the same to those entitled in remainder

Your orator & oratrix further charge that the said Elizabeth & the said John & Tommy Wright sold & disposed in one way & another of a large portion of the stock & other property devised & bequeathed to said Elizabeth for life (without

any manner of necessity for so doing so far as the estate of their Testator was concerned) and applied the proceeds thereof to their own use - and they are advised that the said Elizabeth Wright's Estate & the said John Wright's Estate & Tommy Wright are now accountable to the legatees of the said John Wright the Elder for the value of the same. They further charge that the said Anthony Wright by some agreement between him & the said Elizabeth & John & Tommy Wright or some of those became possessed of two or three valuable Horses belonging to the estate of the said Testator & used & disposed thereof to his own use well knowing that they belonged to the said Testator's estate & That the said Elizabeth had only a life estate therein and they are advised that the said Anthony as well as the said Executors is liable to account to the legatees of the said Testator for the value of the same

Your Orator & Oratrix further charge that the said Exectrix & Executors have never at any time rendered an account of their administration of the estate of the said Testator and that upon a fair settlement of their accounts a large amount would be found due from them to the estate of their Testator

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent That about twelve months after the death of the said John Wright the elder Joseph Wright one of the legatees of the Testator took into his possession against the consent of the said Elizabeth the slave given to him at the death of the said Elizabeth and without the consent & contrary to the wishes of the said Elizabeth carried him to the state of Kentucky and had the use & profits of the said slave ever after. Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that the said Joseph in his life time & his estate since his death is liable and ought to be herd to account for the hires of the said slaves from the time the said Joseph got possession of him until the death of the said Elizabeth.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that the said Elizabeth Wright departed this life on the __ day of _____ 1842 intestate and that administration on her estate has in due form of law been committed to Nicholas Robertson high Sheriff of this County. That the said John Wright the younger also departed this life on the __ day of _____ having first made & published his last will & testament whereof the said Joel Wright and one James Wright were appointed executors who have duly proved the same in the County Court of Bedford & taken upon themselves the burthen of the execution of the same

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent That after the compromise of the Chancery suit is herein before stated and after the said Elizabeth had become liable to make good to the legatees of the said John Wright the elder the value of the legacies given to them as aforesaid at her death and after she had become responsible for a large amount which would be due to the Estate of her husband at her death and after she had attained to near ninety years of age and her mind had become greatly impaired & enfeebled so as to render her incapable of

making contracts or doing business the said John Wright in his life Time & the said Tommy Wright & Joel Wright procured her in the year 1834 to make to them deeds of gift whereby they promised to themselves a conveyance of all the slaves which she had acquired under the contract of compromise herein before mentioned when she was of sound understanding as will more fully appear by copies of the said deeds of conveyance from the said Elizabeth to the said John & Joel Wright herewith exhibited as parts of this bill marked ____ whereby she would be effectively deprived of the means of meeting the liabilities which she had incurred to the legatees under the will of her husband

Your Orator & Oratrix are advised that these deeds if they should be deemed good & effectual to pass a Title to the donees of any of the said slaves (which they deny) would not be efficient to pass any Title at all to the said donees of the slaves Ben & the five children of Jude namely Jim Susan Peter Dicey & Mary (all of whom were born after the death of the Testator & during the life time of the said Elizabeth) ____ them for the life time of the said Elizabeth, But that they and the other slaves the increase of the female slave specifically bequeathed as aforesaid born under similar circumstances belong to and are liable and ought to be divided among the heirs of the said John Wright Sr Decd and that their right to the same accrued immediately upon the death of the said Elizabeth But if they are mistaken in this they are advised that the said deeds are void and inoperative as to all the creditors of the said Elizabeth Wrights estate and that the said slaves ought to and will be held liable in the hands of said donees for all the demands for which the said Elizabeth was responsible as Executrix on as tenant for life under the will aforesaid. They charge that at the time of the execution of the deeds of gift aforesaid the said Elizabeth had incured all the liabilities for which her estate would be responsible & liable to pay at her death. And that the property so conveyed by the said deeds was all that she possessed of any value. And they are advised that she could not rightfully give away her property and have those who would have just demands against her estate at the time of her death unpaid, and that the said donees will not be countenanced in this court in holding the same against those who have just demands against the said Elizabeth Wright's estate.

Your Orator & Oratrix further represent that the said Sarah Wright intermarried with William Wheeler both of whom now reside out of this state That the said Betsy Wright intermarried with Wm Corley & the said Polly Wright intermarried with Joseph Hopper all of whom likewise reside out of this state. That the said Rhody Wright intermarried with Henry Hurt & survived her husband and has departed this life intestate since the death of her said husband and the said Joseph Wright has likewise departed this life intestate and administration on both of their estates has likewise been committed to the said Nicholas Robertson High Sheriff as aforesaid and the said Thos Dogwood has also departed this life & one Thos Sale is his Executor Your Oratrix and Orator charge that the actings

and doings of the said Elizabeth John Tommy Anthony Joel & Joseph Wright and their confedrates in the premises are oppression contrary to equity & good conscious and tend greatly to this injury & oppression of your Orator & Oratrix who are without remedy at law & only relevable in equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable. To the end therefore that they may obtain that relief to which they are entitled they pray that the said Tommy Wright Anthony Wright Joel Wright & James Wright as well in their own right as executors of the said John Wright the younger Nicholas Robertson as administrator of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd as administrator of the said Joseph Wright Decd and as administrator of the said Rhody Hurt Decd William Wheeler & Sarah his wife Nancy Asbury William Corley & Betsy his wife Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife and Joel Shrewsbury & Thomas Sale Executor of Thomas Logwood Decd may by the proper process be made Defendants to this bill and compelled on their several corporal oath full true & perfect answers to make to all the allegations herein contained. That the said Tommy Wright & Joel Wright & James Wright may especially answer and say whether the slaves Milly & Jude in the will of the said John Wright the elder mentioned did not have children after the death of the said John the elder & before the death of the said Elizabeth let them say how many children each of the said negro women Milly & Jude bore after the death of the said John & during the life time of the said Elizabeth Wright let them set forth & discover the names ages & sex of those negro children and the names of the person or persons who may have any of them in possession ? _____ let them also set forth & discover how the said negroes have been disposed of if any of them have been sold let them set forth by whom and at what price or prices?

That the said Tommy Wright & Joel & James Wright Executors of the said John Wright the younger Decd & Nicholas Robertson admrs of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd & the said William Wheeler & Sarah his wife and the said Joseph Hopper & Polly his wife may expressly answer and severally say whether the slaves Rachel (given to the said Sarah when the said Elizabeth Wright might think proper to deliver the same) & the slave Hannah given to the said Polly when the said Elizabeth Wright might think proper to deliver the same, did not have children born after the death of the said John Wright the elder & before the said Rachel & Hannah were respectively delivered to the said Sarah & Polly by the said Elizabeth and if so how many did each of them have what are the names of the children so born of each of the said negro women? how they were disposed of and who has them now in possession? and if they do not know who has the possession of them now let them state who last had the possession of them or any of them within their knowledge

And finally the premises considered may it please your Honor to compel the said Tommy Wright & the said Joel Wright & James Wright as Executors of the said John Wright the younger & the said Nicholas Robertson admrs of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd to render an account of the administration of the estate of

the said John Wright the elder before one of the Commissioners of this Court. That an account may also be taken of the issue of the slaves Milly & Jude born after the death of the said John Wright the elder and during the life time of the said Elizabeth and also of the issue of the slaves Rachel and Hannah born after the death of the said John Wright and before they were delivered over to the said Sarah Wheeler & Polly Hopper & of the profits & hires of the same since the death of said Elizabeth. that such of the issue of said slaves so born as aforesaid as may be had or may be delivered up and divided in just proportions among the heirs & distributees of the said John Wright the elder & that the said Tommy Wright & Joel & James Wright Executors of the said John Wright the younger & Nicholas Robertson admr of the said Elizabeth Wright Decd and their securities in the executorial bond aforesaid be compelled to account for & pay over the value of such of them as may not now be forthcoming. That the same parties be compelled to pay over to your orator & oratrix one third of the value of the perishable estate of the said John Wright the elder Decd at the time of his death with interest thereon from the time of the death of the said Elizabeth also items just proportion of whatever balance may be found and upon the settlement of the executorial account aforesaid. That the Deeds of Gift aforesaid to the said John Wright the Younger & Joel Wright may be set aside & decreed to be delivered up to be cancelled and the slaves Jude and Peter be decreed to be sold and their proceeds applied to the payment of such liabilities as shall appear against the estate of the said Elizabeth and the residue distributed among his heirs at laws. That the said Nicholas Robertson as administrator of the said Joseph Wright Decd be compelled to account for the heirs of the slaves Issue from the time the said Joseph got him into his possession to the time of the death of the said Elizabeth That an account of the value of the Horses & other property obtained by the said Anthony Wright from the said Elizabeth or either of said Executors as aforesaid which belonged to the estate of the said John the elder be taken before said Commissioners and the said Anthony be compelled to pay the value of the sum with interest thereon from the death of the said Elizabeth to your orator & oratrix & the other residuary legatees of the said John Wright the elder. That it may please your Honor to award the ____ order of publication against the said absent Defendants and grant to your orator & oratrix the Commonwealth's writ of subponina commanding &c and all such other & further relief as the nature of this case may require and the principles of equity and good conscience dictate and as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

Wingfield & Johnson Esq."

The proceedings in this matter are set forth in full in the section on 1803 John Wright above and are set forth only in part here again.

On October 2, 1844, in File 413 Anthony Wright filed his answer to the complaint:

"To the Honorable Daniel A Wilson Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Bedford

The Separate Answer of Anthony Wright both in his character as security of the Extrx & Extors & Legatees of Jno Wright to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against him and others in your Honorable Court by William McGeorge and Ruth his Wife. This Respondent Saving & reserving to himself all proper exceptions to the complainants Bill to so much thereof as he is advised it is necessary for him to answer answereth and saith that it is true that John Wright by his last Will and Testament appointed his wife Elizabeth Wright his Executrix and his sons Tommy and John Wright his Executors and that Your Respondent together with Thomas Logwood and Joel Shrewsbury were the security and it is also true that the said Executrix & Executors took upon them the burden of executing the said Will and within a few years after letters Testamentary were granted to them they paid all the debts of their Testator and all the legacies and bequests authorized by the said Will (as he has understood and beleives). It appears from the Bill and answers in the case of Wright vs Wright exhibited by the complainants with their Bill that all the debts & legacies had been paid at that time (in the year 1821) and that the Chancellor by his decree pronounced in that case on the 27th of October 1823 substantially decides that the execution of the said Will in the payment of debts and legacies had been completes because he decrees that the Executrix was entitled to the use and enjoyment of the balance of the estate of John Wright for life and decreed to her the possession of it, during her life, which he could not have done as long as any of the debts or legacies remained unpaid, as the payment of them was charged upon the very property thus decred to the Executrix for life by the last will & Testament of the said John Wright. The execution of the said will, must therefore be considered completed and the said estate settled up at the date of the said decree (if not long before that time) and more than 20 years having elapsed before the institution of this suit, and no claim having been prefered against the said Executrix & Executors by any creditor or Legatee the presumption is conclusive that they have all been paid off & settled; Indeed if any such claim should now be set up it would be barred both by the lapse of time and the Statute of Limitation of Which Your Respondent claims the benefit as fully and completely as if he were specially to plead the Statute of Limitations in __ to any recovery of him in this case. Your Responent is advised that as one of the security of the said Executrix and Executors he is only bound for their faithful execution of their Testators Will in the payment of his debts & legacies, and the delivery of the balance of his estate to his Executrix, to whom it was bequeathed for life; and if the complainants construction of said Will be true that the said Executrix only took a life estate in the whole of said bequest, and was bound at her death to account to her Testators estate for the whole amount of the principal of the Bequest which came to her hands, and the whole of the increase of the slaves bequeathed to her for life, born after her Testators death. This would be no part of her execetorial duty and your Respondent and

her other security could in no way be bound for her faithful performance of it, as their responsibility by the conditions of their Bond ceased the moment that the debts and legacies of the said John Wright were paid and the residuary of his estate was turned over to the Tenant for life, your Respondent therefore claims the protection of the statute of Limitations against the claim now set up by the complainants as effectually as if he were to plead it specially

Your Respondent is advised that by a fair & liberal construction of the last Will & Testament of the said John Wright Decd all his money on hand or owing by bonds notes or accounts and house hold & kitchen furnature were absolutely bequeathed to his wife the said Executrix, that she took a life estate in all the negroes with their increase and stock of every other kind not otherwise disposed of by said Will, and at her death the said Negroes with their increase were to go to those Legatees to whom those of them in existence at the date of the said Will were bequeathed. The whole of said Will must be taken together for the purpose of ascertaining the intention of the Testator & from an examination of it, it is manifest that it was the intention of the Testator to divide his slaves as equally as he could in kind among his children giving to each of his sons a slave and a tract of land (& giving John two slaves, an old Woman & a small Boy about five years old, the two together not being worth more than the one he gave to the other sons) and to each of the Girls a slave & some other personal property, and to the Female Plaintiff (the only single daughter at his death) a tract of land in addition. The greatest difference made by the Testator in these bequests, was in giving to some of his children immediate possession (or possession at the discretion of his Executrix) of the slaves beequeathed to them whilst others of his children were not to get possession of the slaves bequeathed to them until the death of his Executrix to whom he bequeathed a life estate in the said slaves, but the Testator no doubt thought that this would not make much difference as the Executrix was at that time an old woman and in the common course of nature would not live many years; but in this he was mistaken for she survived him nearly forty years (living to the great age of near one hundred years) which made a much greater difference in the division of the Testators slaves no doubt than he intended; for whilst some of his children the Female Plaintiff and others, had the possession and use of the slaves bequeathed to them from the death of the Testator, Your Respondent & others did not obtain the possession and use of Theirs for nearly forty years and it seems that the complainants are not even satisfied with this great disparity in their favor. As it had turned out, The Female Plaintiff was more liberally provided for by The Testator than any of his other children, she was left by the Will a valuable tract of land and the immediate use & possession of a very valuable negro girl besides a good deal of other personal property, more than their equal share of the estate had all the other children been put in possession of their devises & bequests immediately after the Testators death. The negro Girl has raised for them a large and valuable family of negroes of which & the valuable tract of land devised to the female Plaintiff the

complainants have had the use and enjoyment from a period shortly after the death of the Testator, and they are still not satisfied, but are seeking by this suit to take from those legatees who were deprived of the use and enjoyment of their slaves for near forty years after the Testators death, the increase of such slaves during that time, whilst they would kindly turn over to such Legatees the old slaves who will soon be a charge upon them, Your Respondent cannot believe that his Father ever intended to make such an unequal & unjust division of his slaves. If the Complainants construction of the said Will be correct, your Respondent is advised that they will be required by a Chancery Court to bring into hotch pot all that they have received before they can be entitled to participate in the distribution of the money bonds notes & accounts &c on hands & due to Testator at his death, and of the increase of the slaves since, and if it shall appear that they have received their full share of the whole of the Testators estate including the said money bonds, notes & accounts, and the increase of the said slaves, they will not be entitled to any more of the said estate except the one third of the stock which was on hand at the death of the Executrix. Your Respondent has understood and believes, that the Executrix left no stock of any kind at her death, and he believes that if the money, bonds & accounts which she received and the increase of the slaves in which she had a life estate between the death of the Testator & her death, now form a part of Testators estate not finally disposed of by his Will and therefore is subject to distribution according to the statute of descents, and all of the devisees & Legatees of the Testator be required to bring into hotch pot all that they have received of the Testators estate by advancement, or by devise & bequest, that it would appear that the complainants have received more than their full share of the whole of the Testators estate, including the said money, bonds notes & accounts & increase of slaves and therefore will not be entitled to recover any thing by their Bill. This Respondent believes that he would be greatly benefited as a distributee & Heir of John Wright, if the construction of his Will contended for by the complainants should prevale, because, whilst they have received by his Will (& have had the use & enjoyment of it since a short time after his death) a valuable Negro Girl a fine brood mare & colt & some cattle & valuable furniture and two hundred acres of Valuable land, which was afterwards sold (as this Respondent believes) for upwards of three thousand dollars; this Respondent only received from his Father in his life time a small tract of fifty acres of land, for which he paid $200 mostly in property a bed & ____ not a (?) little furniture not worth more than $20 which he received from his Extors; and a horse saddle & bridle & cow & calf given to him by his Father about the time of his marriage some years before his death. He was left a negro man Peter by the Will, at the death of his mother who was hired out or otherwise used by her for her support until her death, hence if the whole of his Fathers estate including the advancements for his life time & his devises & bequests to his children should now be brought into hotchpot together with the money on hands & bonds notes & accounts due at his death received by his Executrix and the increase of the slaves in which his Executrix had a life

estate and an equal division should now be made among all his Heirs & distributees, This Respondent believes that he would get as large if not larger share of the undivided property than any of them, but he does not believe that it was the intention of his Father to make such a disposition of his estate & therefore he does not claim it. This Respondent would further represent that some short time after the death of his Father he purchased of his Executors & Executrix a hipshod mare which belonged to his estate for which he paid them fifty dollars and he afterwards swaped a valuable young horse with John Wright for a colt which his mother gave him, the said John giving a boot of sixty dollars and this is all the property which he ever purchased or in any way acquired which belonged to the estate of his Father; for which he gave its full value. The Executors & Executrix, were authorized to dispose of such property to raise money to pay the debts & legacies & the expences of administration & the Executrix had a right to dispose of it for her own use, and is expressly required to account only for such stock as may be on hand at her death, so that this Respondent cannot now be required to pay again for property for which he paid its full value between 30 & 40 years ago, this he is neither legally nor morally bound to do and for his more ample protection he pleads the statute of limitations against this unjust claim of the Complainants.

This Respondent further answering would represent that the said executrix on the 19th day of January 1825 executed a deed of Trust to Thomas Davis by which she conveyed to him in trust to secure and save harmless this Respondent and his co-security four negro slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben for whom she had obtained an absolute right by the compromise of the suit aforesaid of Wright vs Wright with her son John, who, with Joel Wright had sold to her the said slaves. The said deed of Trust was admitted to record in the clerks office of Bedford County on the 24th of January 1825, which is herewith exhibited marked A & prayed to be read as a part of this answer The said Executrix afterwards gave the said slaves Peter, Nick, Judah & Ben to the said John and Joel Wright, with a full knowledge on their part of the deed of Trust aforesaid who some time afterwards executed to this Respondent & his cosecurity the indemnifying bonds marked B & C which are herewith exhibited & prayed to be read as a part of this answer from which it will appear that the said John & Joel Wright have covenanted to indimnify & save harmless this Respondent & his co-securities as the Security of the said Executrix & Executors of John Wright Decd and pay all claims which may come against them as security as aforesaid & this Respondent now refurs to them for the purpose of enabling your honor to decree against the said John & Joel Wright for any amount which he and the other security may be decreed to pay in this suit as the security of the said Executrix & Executors, which contingency he does not believe will happen, but he relies upon the aforesaid indemnities & claims the benefit of them, if contrary to his expectations it should happen. Having answered all that he is advised it is material for him to

answer Your Respondent prays that he may be hence dismissed with his costs in this behalf expended & he will ever pray &c

Anderson pg (?)

Bedford County to Wit

This day Anthony Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that the matters & things contained in the foregoing answer so far as they are stated on his own Knowledge are true and so far as they are stated on the information of others he believes them to be true

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1844

Saml. P. Pitchell J.P.

Filed by leave of Court Octr 2d 1844."

On November 25, 1844, in File 413 James Wright and Joel Wright filed their answer to the complaint:

"The separate answer of James Wright and Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junior deceased, to a bill of complaint exhibited against them & others in the honorable the circuit superior court of law & chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife.

These defendants saving and reserving to themselves the usual privilege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in the said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as they are advised, it in any way concerns them to answer, they answer & say. That it is true the said John Wright Senr. departed this life in the year 1803, having first made and published his last will and testament in writing, which was duly proved and recorded in the county court of Bedford, and that the said Elizabeth Wright the widow of said decedent, and Tommy Wright & the testator of these defendants qualified as the executrix and executors of the said John Wright senior at the time stated in the said bill - & the copy of the said last will and testament filed by the said complainants with their said bill is probably a true copy. They admit that the devises and bequests set out in the said Will are as they believe in accordance with the said will. They further admit that their testator on his part executed the executorial bond in such penalty, at such time, & to the purport mentioned in the said bill. But these defendants do not admit that the construction of the said will assumed by the said complainants is just and legal, on the contrary they insist, and are advised, that the construction contended for by the said complainants is plainly contrary as well to common justice, as to the laws and adjudications having force &

authority in this commonwealth. They are advised that in the construction of wills, it is a rule, that they should be most favourably expounded, to produce, if possible, the will of the testator, and that all the words of the will must be considered together to find out the testator's intention, and that intention must take place, unless contrary to the rules of law. Now it is most obvious from a careful consideration of all the provisions of said will, that the testator had two objects mainly in view - first, to make a suitable and comfortable provision for his wife the said Elizabeth Wright during her life - and 2nd. to dispose of his whole personal estate among his children, so as to make them all as nearly equal as he conveniently could, in view of the provision made for his wife, & the circumstances of his estate at the time of the publication of his will. It appears from the will that the testator owned only eleven slaves, & that he had ten children, it was therefore impracticable to give each of his children the immediate possession of one slave, and at the same time make a suitable provision for his wife. he therefore doubtless adopted the only plan of dividing his personal estate by his will, so as to produce something approaching equality among his children - hence he bequeaths to each of his children one slave, except his son John (these defendants' testator) to whom he bequeathed two - a woman of middle age & a small boy, as these defendants have heard and believe. To his three youngest children as was natural he gave each a tract of land and having probably advanced his elder children before he made his will. That the said will makes no mention of the issue of the slaves is wholly immaterial, because the testator was disposing of his whole estate, mainly by specific devises & bequests, to take effect immediately at his death. and as the said will does not allege that there was any slave born between the publication of the will and the death of the testator it is to be presumed there was no such birth - and the issue of the female slaves born after the death of the testator passed to the legatees entitled to the mothers of such issue under the provisions of the said will. These defendants are advised that if the plain intention of the testator is to be the rule of construction of his will. the following legatees, to wit, Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsey, Polly, John, & Joseph, took a vested interest in remainder, at the death of the said testator, to the slaves bequeathed to them respectively. a life estate in the same slaves being first carved out & bequeathed to the testator's wife - That this is the just construction of the said will they are advised is made most manifest by considering the language of the bequests to the said legatees in connexion with the language of the bequest to the testator's wife - the language of the bequests to most of the said legatees may be stated in the following form "I give to" (the legatee) "my negro slave named ____ to be his (or her) own property at my wife's death". After disposing of all his slaves by name to his children he makes a bequest to his wife in the following words. "Lastly I do will to my well beloved wife all my money on hand or owing to me by notes, bonds, or accounts -together with all my stock of every kind, house hold & kichen furniture, with all my negros that is grown &c. her life time - then to be divided as above. Whatever stock should be on hand at my wife's death, I do will shall be equally

divided between John, Joseph, & Ruth being my three younger children." the words "then to be divided as above" refer clearly to the bequests made to his children Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsy, Polly, John, & Joseph & when the terms of these bequests are considered thus corrected, the English language may be appealed to in vain for stronger words to express an intention on the part of the testator, to make an absolute and final disposition of his entire property and estate in the slaves comprehended in the said bequests - the right of each of the last mentioned legatees was as perfect to the slave or slaves bequeathed to him or her respectively at the death of the said testator, as it was at the death of his wife - the right of possession merely was deferred - the right of property was otherwise complete. They therefore deny that the increase of the slaves Rachel, Jude, Hannah & Milly belonged to and was any part of the estate of the said testator until the several specific legatees of the said slaves would under the provisions of the said will be entitled to the possession of the same.

These defendants are advised, and they contend that by the said will "all the said testators money on hand, or owing to him at the time of his death, and all his household and kitchen furniture" was bequeathed to his wife absolutely & unconditionally (subject of course to the payment of debts & legacies) - and that as to the testator's "stock of every kind" the intention of the testator was that his wife should have an unlimited use during her life, without being accountable to the residuary legatees for any portion of it if she had used the whole, as in fact she did. The indefinite terms of the bequest "whatever stock should be on hand at my wife's death" show that the testator was providing for a mere contingency, a naked possibility and utterly negatives the idea that the said Elizabeth was bound to keep up the stocks of hogs - cattle - sheep - brood mares, &c." These defendants do not admit that either the said Elizabeth, or the said John and Tommy Wright, or either or any of them sold & disposed of any property whatever, belonging to the estate of the said John Wright Senr. decd. (Whether devised or bequeathed to the said widow for life or not) without necessity for so doing and so they deny the accountability of the said Elizabeth Wright's estate, or the said John Wright Junrs estate, or the said Tommy Wright to the legatees of John Wright the Elder, or any of them for the value of the same.

These defendants have heard and believe that a suit in chancery was at one time pending in the Superior Court of chancery at Lynchburg, instituted by the said Elizabeth Wright against the said John & Tommy Wright & the bill, answers, decrees, orders &c referred to in said bill, may have been exhibited, filed, & made, as there stated and it may be true, and they believe it to be true, that before the final disposition of said suit, all matters in difference between the parties were settled by compromise, the terms of which are perhaps correctly stated in the said will - but these defendants do not admit that the said suit, or any thing therein decided, has any thing to do with this case, except to show (as may be seen by reference to the bill & answers) that at the commencement of

that suit (& probably long before) all the debts against the estate of John Wright the Elder had been paid and his estate distributed according to the provisions of his will.

It is true, they believe, that the executrix & executors never did make any formal settlement of their executorial accounts, and under the circumstances, they are advised that no such settlement was necessary: the debts being all paid and the estate wholly distributed according to the directions of the will, there was nothing to settle and these defendants are advised that their testator as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder had nothing to do with said estate after the distribution thereof. his duties and liabilities as executor, as well as the duties & liabilities of the other executor & the said executrix then ceased the widow of the said John Wright the elder held all the property in her possession not as the executrix of her deceased husband, but as a legatee under his will & even if the strange construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants should prevail they have no claims upon these defendants' testator, or the said Tommy Wright, or the said Elizabeth Wright as executors and executrix of the said John Wright the Elder decd. and as a prior effectual protection of the estate of their testator against the groundless claims of the said complainant attempted to be set up in their said bill, these defendants rely upon the great lapse of time and especially when the act of the General assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, & their sureties, & for other purposes." passed the 8th of March 1820: and they pray to be allowed the benefit of said act to protect his estate against the claim or claims of the said complainants founded upon any actual or supposed liability or liabilities of their Testator either as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd. or as one of the sureties of the other executor or the said Executrix, as fully and to all intents & purposes as if the said act had been by them formally pleaded, in bar of the relief sought by the said complainants in their said bill.

These defendants further answering say that it is true, that on the 7th of december 1834 the said Elizabeth Wright by deed, founded upon both good and valuable consideration conveyed to their intestate all her interest in two slaves named Peter & Ben, she having a perfect right so to do as these defendants are advised but these defendants deny that at the time she made the said deed, her mind "had become so greatly impaired & enfeebled as to render her incapable of making contracts or doing business" - on the contrary they assert that although her mental faculties may have been impaired by reason of her advanced age, yet she was fully capable of making the said deed at the time the same was made and they furthermore deny that the said slaves are now, or ever were liable to the said complainants for any claim or demand which they have now, or ever had against the said Elizabeth Wright either as executrix of her deceased husband, or individually, because (among other reasons) they do not admit or believe that

the said complainants have now or ever had any such claim or demand against the said Elizabeth in any character.

These defendants as a further protection of their intestates estate against the claim or claims of the said complainants, here rely upon the act of the assembly entitled "An act for limitation of actions: for preventing frivolous & vexatious suit: concerning ____, & certain proceedings in civil cases" & pray to be allowed the benefit of said act as fully as if they had formally pleaded the same in bar of any and all the relief sought in the complainants' said bill.

These defendants further answering say - that the slave Milly is dead "leaving five children born after the death of John Wright the Elder & before the death of his wife - to wit - Jesse, (sold by their testator in his life time to Isaac James of this county & now in his possession) Ben, Frank, Andrew and John in the possession of these defendants as execution of the said John Wright Junr decd. The slave Judith (or Jude) had ten children between the death of the said John Wright the Elder & the death of his wife - to wit, Lucy, Mary (who is dead) George, Martha, Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, Nancy, & Edward - Lucy has had three children.

to wit, Winney, Jerry, & Green - Martha has had children only two or three of whom are now living, & the names of whom are unknown to these defendants - Judith, Lucy & her children, together with Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, Nancy, & Edward, are in the possession of the defendant Joel Wright. George is in the possession of Anthony Wright of this county & Martha & her children are in the possession of Henry H. Chapman of Roanoke. The slave Rachel was delivered when she was a girl & without children to William Wheeler the husband of Sarah Wheeler formerly Sarah Wright, to whom she was bequeathed by the said will, and the slave Hannah was delivered whilst a girl & without children to Joseph Hopper the husband of Polly the daughter of the said testator to whom she was bequeathed and having fully answered they pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs and as in duty bound they will pray &c

James Wright
Joel Wright

Bedford County to wit:

This day James Wright and Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junr. decd came personally before the subscriber a magistrate in and for said county and made oath that the allegations of the foregoing answers purporting to be upon their own knowledge is true and such as are made upon information derived from

other persons they believe them to be true. Given under my hand the 25th day of November 1844.

Jno Clayton J.P."

On November 25, 1844 in File 413 Joel Wright filed his separate answer as an individual:

"The separate answer of Joel Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the circuit superior court of Law and Chancery for the county of Bedford by William Mc:George and Ruth his wife.

This defendant saving and reserving to himself the usual privilege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in the said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it concerns him to answer he says - That he admits that the said John Wright the Elder died in the year 1803, having first made and published his last will & testament in writing which was duly proved and recorded in the county court of Bedford - that his widow Elizabeth Wright qualified as executrix, & his sons Tommy Wright & John Wright Junr: qualified as executors of the said decedent at the time stated in the said bill, & that the copies of the said last will & testament, and of the executorial bond of said Executrix & executors filed with the said bill are perhaps true copies of the same. But he does not admit that the construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants is the true construction thereof. He is advised that the testators widow, the said Elizabeth, under the said will took a life estate in the slaves bequeathed to her, with remainder in absolute property to the legatees to whom the same slaves were by the said will severally bequeathed - in other words the said testator's children Tommy, Sarah, Anthony, Betsy, Polly, John, & Joseph took a present estate at the death of the said testator in absolute property, to the slave or slaves bequeathed to them respectively subject to the life estate of the said Elizabeth in the same slaves. The fact that the said testator directed in his will that his daughter Sarah should receive the slave Rachel, & that his daughter Polly should receive the slave Hannah whenever his wife (the said Elizabeth) thought proper did not diminish her interest in those slaves to less than an estate for her life. She might whenever "she thought proper" have relinquished her interest in the other slaves bequeathed to her for life to the persons entitled thereto in remainder, and the right of the persons so entitled in remainder, to receive the said slaves as their "own property", would have been as perfect by such relinquishment, as by the death of the said Elizabeth. This defendant therefore denies that the increase of the slaves Rachel, Jude, Hannah, & Milly belonged to, and were any part of the estate of the said testator, until the several specific legatees of the said slaves, would under the provisions of the said will be entitled to the possession of the same.

This defendant further answering says that as respects the other bequests to the said Elizabeth, they are advised that by a fair construction of said will, she, after the payment of debts and legacies, took under the said will, an absolute estate in the money, debts, furniture & stock bequeathed to her - the legacy of the stock alone being subject to a remote and improbable contingency provided for in said will that is to say "whatever stock should be on hand at his wife's death should be equally divided between John, Joseph, and Ruth" &c.

This defendant further answering says that it is true the said Elizabeth Wright, on the 14th day of december 1834, by deed of that date did convey to this defendant the slaves Jude (Judah) & her five children, Jim, Susan, Peter, Dicey, & Nancy - which deed was founded upon both a good & valuable consideration but he denies that at the time she made the said deed her mind had become so greatly impaired and enfeebled as to render her incapable of making contracts or doing business - he charges that at the time she made the said deed, she was fully capable of making contracts and doing business, nothwithstanding her mind may have been impaired by her advanced age.

This defendant further answering says that even if the construction of the said will contended for by the said complainants should prevail, they submit it to the consideration of this honorable court, if the right of action of the said complainants, if any such they have, or ever had, (which is here denied) did not accrue to them at the moment the said Elizabeth ceased to hold the said slaves and other property bequeathed to her under the said will - he insists therefore, in this view of the subject, that his right to the slaves in his possession, claimed by the said complainants in their said bill is protected by the act of limitations, upon which he relies, & prays to have the benefit thereof as fully as if he had formally pleaded the same in bar of the complinants said claim.

In relation to the other matters and things contained in said bill which it is necessary this defendant should answer unto he refers to the joint answer of himself and his co-defendant James Wright executors of John Wright Junr decd: to the same bill - and he here adopts the statements of the said answer as his own individual answer to all such statements & interrogatories of the said bill necessary for this defendant to answer & as are not here particularly responded to, and so having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs and as in duty bound he will pray &c

Joel Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

This day Joel Wright came before the subscriber & made oath that the foregoing answer is true to the best of his recollection & belief. Given under my hand this 25 day of November 1844.

Jno. Clayton J.P."

Nicholas Robertson, as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Wright, also filed his separate answer in File 413:

"The separate answers of Nicholas Robertson admr. of Elizabeth Wright decd. to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in the honourable the circuit superior court of law and chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife

This defendant saving & reserving to himself the usual privelege of all just exceptions to the errors &c in said bill contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it in any way concerns him to answer he says - That he knows nothing of his own knowledge of the several matters & things contained in the complainants said bill relating to the transactions of his intestate as the executrix of the said John Wright decd - or relating to the transactions of the other executors of the said John Wright decd. He is advised and believes that the construction of the will of the said John Wright the elder decd contended for by the answer of James Wright & Joel Wright executors of John Wright Junr. decd. in their answer to the said bill is the just, proper, & correct construction of the said will and he avers that it ought to be so construed. he therefore adopts the said answer so far as it relates to the construction of the said will, & he denies that the opposite construction of the said will contented for by the said complainants in their said bill is correct - & he requires proof of all and every allegation in the said bill tending to fix any manner of liability upon the estate of his intestate.

The said defendant further answering says that in bar of the claims asserted by the said complainants in their said bill against his intestate individually or as executrix of the said John Wright the Elder decd. he relies as well upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions for preventing frivolous and vexatios suits concerning ____ & certain proceedings in civil cases" as upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of action against persons acting in a fiduciary character and their sureties, & for other purposes" passed the 8th day of March 1826: and prays that the full benefit of the said acts of the assembly may be extended to him as the administrator of the said Elizabeth in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were here more formally pleaded - for this defendant has heard and believes that the affairs of the estate

of the said John Wright the Elder were all settled up & the property distributed according to his will more than ten years before the exhibition of said will to wit, before the year 1820 and that since the year 1820 & probably several years before, his intestate, as he believes & charges, has held no part of the estate of the said John Wright the Elder as his executrix, but on the contrary, she has held all the slaves & other estate & the increase thereof mentioned in the said will as a legatee under the will of the said John Wright the Elder deceased - and therefore her liability at the time of her death (if any liability there was (which he does not admit) was as tenant for life of such property and not as executrix. and having fully answered he prays to his hence dismissed with his costs & as in duty bound he will pray &c.

H. Robertson

Bedford County to Wit: This day Nicholas Robertson made oath before the subscriber that so much of the foregoing bill as is charged as being within his own knowledge is true & so much thereof as is charged upon information derived from others and he believes to be true Given under the hand & seal of the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said county this 24 day March"

On October 9, 1845, in File 413 Joel Shrewsbury filed his separate answer to the complaint:

"The separate answer of Joel Shrewsbury to the bill of complaint exhibited against him, and others in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Bedford by William McGeorge, and Ruth his wife.

This defendant saving &c for answer says: That he admits the probate of the will of John Wright deceased in the bill mentioned, and that he became one of the securities of Elizabeth Wright, Tommy Wright, and John Wright in the bond executed by them as executrix, and executors of the said Will and he presumes the alleged copy of the said bond filed with said bill is a correct copy.

This defendant further answering states, that he wrote the said will, and from the declarations of said testator made at the time said will was being written knows that it was the intention of the said testator that his legatees to whom slaves were in said will specifically bequeathed, subject to his widow's life estate therein, or to be delivered whenever she thought proper, should be entitled respectively to the issue of such slaves born after his death. This defendant conceives that such is the just, and correct construction of said will as it is written, avers that it ought it to be so construed, and denies that the opposite construction, contended for in the bill, is proper, or correct. He has no personal knowledge of the transactions stated in the bill as having occurred after the probate of said will, and the qualification of said executrix, and executors, and

therefore does not admit any, or either of the allegations of said bill alleging said transactions, or any, or either of them to be true, and so far as he is to be affected thereby requires proof of all said allegations. He denies that he is either legally, or equitable liable to pay the plaintiffs any sum, or sums of money whatever in consequence of his securityship aforesaid for the said executrix, and executors. In bar of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs in their said bill this defendant relies upon the great lapse of time which has occurred and especially upon the act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth entitled "an act for for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, and their sureties, and for other purposes" passed the 8th day of March 1826, and prays that the full benefit thereof may be extended to him in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said act was more formally pleaded by him.

Having thus fully answered this defendant prays to the to be hence dismissed with the Costs &c

Joel Shresbury

Kanawha County to wit

The above: named Joel Shrewsbury this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that the statements made in the foregoing answer are true.

Given under my Hand this ninth day of October 1845.

W. W. Putney(?)"

On April 1, 1846, in File 413 the deposition of Thomas Davis was taken:

"The Deposition of Thomas Davis of lawful age taken at the office of Wingfield & Campbell in the Town of Liberty & County of Bedford on the first day of April 1846 to be read as evidence in the trial of a suit in Chancery depending in the Circuit Superior Court of law & chancery for Bedford County in which William McGeorge & Ruth his wife are plaintiffs and Tommy Wright & Joel Wright & James Wright Executors of John Wright Decd & others are Defendants. The said Deponant being first duly sworn deposeth & saith as followeth

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Ques by Joel Wright one of the defendants. Do you recollect whether you were present some years ago when a pair of the slaves in controvery were sold at public auction by John Wright If so, state when the sale took place: whether the plaintiff William McGeorge was present: and whether he at that time set up any claim to said slaves or any of them, or made any objection to the sale

Ans - I was present at the sale alluded to. And the plaintiff William McGeorge was also at the sale. I heard no claim set up to the slaves or any part of them, or any objection made to sale, by any person. Elizabeth Wright was also present & set up no claim further than a life estate.

. . . .

Thomas Davis

Bedford County to wit

Subscribed & sworn to before me a justice of the peace for said County at the time & place mentioned in the caption

Given under my hand this first day of April 1846

Fredk. Aunspaugh J.Peace"

On August 29, 1846, in File 413 the deposition of Henry H. Chapman was taken:

"Wrights admrs & al)
Wm McGeorge & wife)

The Deposition of Henry H. Chapman & others taken on Saturday the 29th day of August 1846 at the Clerk's office of Roanoke County in the Town of Salem Va., before me, a Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Roanoke County to take deposition - which depositions of Chapman & others are to be offered in evidence in a suit depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Bedford in which William McGeorge & wife are Plaintiffs and the administrators of John Wright & others are Defendants.

The said Henry H. Chapman a witness of lawful age being sworn - Question by Defendant Joel Wright

Please state whether or not you know of a sale having been made by John Wright the younger, of a negro woman named Milly devised by John Wright the elder to the said John Wright jr? If so, will you say whether you were present at that sale?

Answer. I know that such a sale was made by John Wright jr. I was present at it, and was the Clerk at the Sale.

Question by Same. Will you please state whether or not the Plaintiff, Wm McGeorge was present at the said sale? If so, say whether you heard him set up any claim in any shape, to the said negro woman Milly & her children?

Answer. He was present, and I heard of no claim set up by the said McGeorge to the woman & her children

. . . .

Henry H. Chapman

The foregoing Deposition of Henry H. Chapman was taken, subscribed & sworn to on the day & at the place mentioned in the Caption

F. Johnston Commissioner to take Depositions in Roanoke Circuit Superior Court

Commissioner fee 37-1/2 cents paid me by Joel Wright"

On March 8, 1847, in File 413 Tommey Wright filed his answer to the complaint:

"The separate answer of Thommy Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the circuit superior court of law and chancery for the county of Bedford by William McGeorge & Ruth his wife.

This defendant for answer unto said bill of unto so much and such parts thereof as he is advised it concerns him to answer he says. It is true he qualified as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd: but he never acted as such, & never had any portion of said decedent's estate real or personal in his possession as executor. This defendant believes and charges that the other executor & executrix in said Will named administered the said estate and paid out and delivered over the same according to the true intent and meaning of the said decedents last will and testament, arose than twenty years before the institution of this suit by the said complaints. This defendant further answering says that in bar of the claims asserted by the said compainants in their said bill against this defendant either as one of the executors of the said John Wright the Elder decd: or as one of the securities of the other executor and executrix, or against this defendant individually, he relies as well upon the act of the assembly entitled "an act for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary character, and their sureties, & for other purposes", passed the 8th of March 1826 as upon the act entitled "an act for limitation of actions for preventing problems & vexatious suits concerning __ fails, and certain proceedings in civil cases" and prays that the full benefit of the said acts of the assembly may be extended to him in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were here more formally pleaded.

As to all other matters in relation to the estate of the said John Wright the Elder, believing the facts contained in the answers of James Wright and Joel Wright Exors of John Wright Jr. decd. to the said bill to be true, he now adopts the same

and having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and as in duty bound he will pray &c.

Tommy Wright

Bedford County to wit -

This day Tommy Wright made oath before the subscriber a magistrate for said county, that the foregoing answer is true as far as the facts therein contained are charged as being within his own knowledge and he believes the balance to be true. Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1847.

Jno. Clayton J.P."

On September 14, 1847, in File 413 the counsel for Anthony Wright filed his note in the case:

"McGeorge & Wife) Note of Anthony Wrights Counsel
vs)
Wrights & als) In chancery

The Bill in this case ought to be dismissed as to the Defendant Anthony Wright with costs. On September 1803 Anthony Wright united with the Exors & Executrix of John Wright in the execution of an exetorial bond, in which the said Anthony was only bound as security, and an attempt is now made in this suit brought more than 40 years after the date of said bond to make him responsible as one of the security of said Executors & Executrix. In his answer he relies upon the statute of Limitations and it is a complete bar to any recover of him. He is also charged in the Bill with one or two hours which it is alleged the received of the Executrix forty years ago. In his answer he admits that a short time after the death of his Father John Wright he purchased of his Executors & Executrix a hip shod mare which belonged to his esState, for which he paid $50 & he afterwards swaped a valuable young horse with the Executor for a coalt which his mother gave him & received sixty dollars from him as a boot between his fine young horse & said colt, which is all the property he ever received from the Executor & Executrix & for which he gave its full value. He denies the right of the Plaintiffs now to call upon him to account for it & pleads the statute of limitations. It is very clear that the Executors & Executrix were authorized by the Will to dispose of the personal property & if they were not the purchaser of this property could not be required to account for it after the lapse of 40 years to the plaintiffs & if they ever had any just demand against the Defendant Anthony Wright (which is denied) it is completely barred by the Statute of Limitations which is plead & relied upon. I think by a fair interpretation of the last will & Testament of John Wright he made an absolute bequest to his wife and Exutrix of all his money on hands or owing to

him by bonds notes or accounts together with all his stock of every kind household & kitchen furniture Subject to this restriction alone, that & whatever stock should be on hands at his wifes death shall be equally divided between John Joseph & Ruth, who can take nothing by this devise or bequest, if the old lady as is stated in the bill left no "stock on hands" at her death; at all events the Exutrix was entitled to a life estate in all the personal property after the payments of the debts & legacies all of which were paid off prior to 1820 when the Exeutrix was entitled to the remainder of the estate for life, and her security in her Exutorial bond are in no way bound for the preservation or forthcoming of any part of said personal property, it is therefore clear that the plaintiffs Bill ought to be dismissed as to the Defendant Anthony Wright with costs, both upon the merits & upon the plea of the Statute. Suppose the Court will not hesitate to give the Defendant Anthony Wright his costs, as there can be no apology for the Plaintiffs draging him into a Court of Chancery & puting him to the costs of defending himself against their unjust & illegal claim of 40 years standing. I therefore move that the Bill as to the Defendant Anthony Wright may be dismissed with costs

Septr 14th 1847 Anderson for the Defendant
A. Wright"

On March 23, 1848, William McGeorge executed a release of several of the defendants in File 413.

"For and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred & Eighty five Dollars to me in hand paid by John Q A Wright James C. Kasey Robert Wright Joel Wright & John Q A Wright Guardians for James O Wright. I do hereby release to them all demands which I may have against them or the Estate of John Wright Decd. in a suit in Chancery depending in Bedford Circuit Superior Court Court in which I and my wife Ruth McGeorge are plaintiffs and the Executors of John Wright Decd and the admrs of Elizabeth Wright Decd and others are Defendants, and the said suit is to be dismissed agreed without Costs. Given under my hand and seal this 23d day of March 1848.

Teste. Wm. McGeorge"
G. W. Wingfield

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed William McGeorge with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
William McGeorge	65		Virginia
Ruth McGeorge	70		Virginia
Laurence McGeorge	25		Virginia
Ann McGeorge	21		Virginia
Mildred McGeorge	18		Virginia
Mary McGeorge	16		Virginia
Nancy McGeorge	14		Virginia

This record indicates a date of birth for Ruth (Wright) McGeorge of approximately 1780 and for William McGeorge of approximately 1785, both in Virginia.

On November 6, 1850, William McGeorge filed his declaration in Bounty Land Warrant File 41177-80-55 for bounty land by reason of his service in the War of 1812:

"Certificate of Identity and Oath of Service

State of Virginia County of Bedford On the 6th day of November 1850 Personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the Peace duly Authorized to administer Oaths within & for the County & State Aforesaid. William McGeorge Aged 64 Years Old the 10 day of December last past a resident untill of late of Bedford County but recently of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia who being duly Sworn according to law, Declares that he is the Identical man who was a private in a Company Commanded by Captain Walter Otey in the 10th Regiment Virginia Militia first Division of Cavalry attached to the 4th Brigade Commanded by General John H. Cocke in the war with Great Briton, that on or about the 22nd day of August, 1814 was Called on as a Private of Said above Named Company from the County of Bedford Va to March to the City of Richmond Va where he served & continued in actual service for the term of Six Months & was honorablely discharged at Richmond Va on the 22nd day of February 1815 as will appear by his original Certificate of discharge herewith presented & by the Muster Rolls of said Company

He Makes this declaration for the purpose of Obtaining the bounty Land to which he may be entitled Unter the "Act Granting bounty land to certain Officers & Soldiers who have been engaged in the Calvalry Service of the United States passed September 28th, 1850.

Wm. McGeorge

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written. And I hereby Certify, that I believe the Said William McGeorge to be the Identical man who served as Aforesaid, & that he is of the Age above stated.

Matthew Pate JP"

This record indicates that William McGeorge was born on December 10, 1785, and that he moved to Roanoke County, Virginia, from Bedford County shortly before 1850.

On the same date William McGeorge in BLW File 41177 appointed Elias James his attorney-in-fact to act for him in connection with the claim.

"Power of Attorney

County of Bedford State of Virginia Know all men by these presents that I William McGeorge of the County of Roanoke & State of Va. do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint Elias James of Bedford County & State Aforesaid My true and lawful attorney for me & in my name & for my benefit, to demand & receive from the department of the Interior of the United States the Certificate or warrant to which I may be entitled, for my Services, as set forth in the accompanying declaration Hereby revoking & Countermanding any other power of Attorney or authority that may have been heretofore given by me for the Above Specified purpose -- In testimony wherof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 6th day of November 1850

T.S Farmer) Wm. McGeorge
) witness

On this 6th day of November 1850 personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the Peace for Bedford County duly authorized by law to take acknowledgements in & for the County & State aforesaid William McGeorge & acknowledged the above power of Attorney to be his free act & deed for the purpose therein mentioned.

Matthew Pate JP"

Included in that File BLW 41177-80-55 was William McGeorge's certificate of discharge:

"Richmond, February 22, 1815

William McGeorge a private in my Troop of Cavalry, 10th Regiment, Virginia Militia, first Brigade and first Division of Cavalry, now attached to the 4th Brigade,

Commanded by General John H. Cocke, having performed a six months' tour of duty, is hereby honorably discharged.

Walter Otey Capt."

On May 22, 1855, Ruth McGeorge filed her declaration in BLW File 41177 for bounty land in right of her deceased husband's service in the War of 1812:

"State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

On the 22nd day of May AD One thousand eight hundred & fifty five Ruth McGeorge personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace authorized to administer oaths for general purposes within and for the County and State aforesaid Ruth McGeorge aged 62 years a resident of Roanoke County in the State of Virginia who being duly Sworn according to law declared that She is the widow of William McGeorge Deceased who was a private in the Company Commaned by Captain Walter Otey in the fourth regiment of Virginia Milita Commanded by Col John H. Coke in the war with Greate Britian declared by the united States on the 18th day of June 1812 that her Said Husband Volunteered on or about the 6th September day of AD 1813 for the term of six months and continued in actual Service in Said war for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Richmond on the 22nd day of February AD 1813 she further States that she was married to the said William McGeorge in Bedford County Virginia on the 30th day of May 1810 AD by one John Ares a minister and that her name before her said marriage was Ruth Wright that her said husband died in Roanoke Co on the 20th day of November AD 1851 and that she is now a widow She further declares that her husband has heretofore made application for Bounty Land under the act approved September 28th 1950 and obtained a land warrant for 80 acres No which she has legally disposed of and it cannot now be returned She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3d 1855.

I do further appoint Thos R. Muse my true and lawful attorney to prosecute this claim.

her
Ruth X McGeorge
mark

W. Thos. J. Bush & Fielding Suttles residents of Roanoke County in the State of Virginia upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed & acknowledged by Ruth McGeorge in our presence and that we believe from the

appearance and Statements of the applicant that She is the Identicle person she represents herself to be

Thom. J. Bush
Fielding Settle

William McGeorge and Ruth Wright was married 30th May 1810

W. Thos. J. Bush and Fielding Suttles Residents of Roanoke County and State of Virginia upon our oaths declare that the above is a true copy of the original record shown us in the family Bibble

Thos. J. Bush
Fielding Settle

The foregoing declaration and affidavits were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written: and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

Wm. B. Prestone J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I, J. Frederick Johnston, Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke in the State of Virginia do certify that William B. Preston Esq whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is, and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly commissioned & qualified according to Law.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Salem, the 26th day of May 1855

J. F. Johnston

Big Lick PO Roanoke County Virginia

Mr. L. P. Waldo Enclosed I hand you Mrs. Ruth McGeorges Pension Claim which you will please attend to & forward to my address this office.

Thos. R. Musy"

This record indicates that Ruth (Wright) McGeorge was born about 1783, that she and William McGeorge were married on May 30, 1810, in Bedford County, Virginia, and that William McGeorge died on November 20, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia.

On January 5, 1859, in BLW File 41177 Elias James wrote to the commissioner of pensions regarding the bounty land warrant applied for in 1850:

"Cross Roads Bedford County Va. January 5th, 1859

Sir

Under the act of Congress of 1850 allowing Bounty Land to Soldiers of the War of 1812 I presented to the Pension Office a Declaration in the Name of William McGeorge & On the 6th day of December 1851 a warrant Issued & On or about 10th Sept 1852 the warrant was applied to me by his widow Ruth McGeorge. She then makes an assignment with a certificate from all the legatees allowing her so to do. Supposing it belonged to the estate -- it was recently ascertained that the Wt. could not be located -- & on further examination it was asertained that Capt. William McGeorge Died Some time in November before the issue of the warrant -- We now ask for information -- she was properly entiled to the warrant -- Must she send a declaration with the warrant on how your information will be thankfully received at as early day as possible as the Old Lady is Old & anxious to have disposed of same properly.

The Commissioner of Pensions

Yr Obt Sr &c
Elias James"

A copy of the warrant issued on December 6, 1851, was also included in File 41177.

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that William McGeorge was born on December 10, 1785, and died on November 20, 1851, and that Ruth (Wright) McGeorge was born about 1791 and was living in 1855, based on records from Bounty Land Warrant File 154307 in the National Archives. She also stated that their children included the following:

1) Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright;
2) Margaret (McGeorge) Goggin;
3) Elizabeth (McGeorge) Ruddle;
4) Lawrence McGeorge;

5) Mildred (McGeorge) McGuire;

6) Mary J. (McGeorge) Minter; and

7) John McGeorge.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 283653 for Bessie Coppedge dated September 1, 1939, which stated that Ruthy Wright was a daughter of John Wright and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright, was born in 1780, married William McGeorge on May 30, 1810, and died on May 10, 1861, that William McGeorge was born about 1788 and died about 1865, and that Ruthy (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge had the following child:

1) Rhoda McGeorge, born 1818.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Ruth (Wright) McGeorge was a daughter of John Wright and Elizabeth (Pate) Wright, was born in 1791 at Virginia, married William McGeorge on May 30, 1810, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on May 10, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia, that William McGeorge was born on December 10, 1785, at Virginia, and that Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge had the following children:

1) Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, born in 1817 or 1818 at Virginia,

2) Laurence McGeorge, born in 1825 at Virginia,

3) Mildred McGeorge, born in 1832 at Virginia,

4) Mary McGeorge, born in 1834 at Virginia, and

5) Nancy McGeorge, born in 1836 at Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge were the following:

1) Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, born about 1818 or 1820 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Margaret (McGeorge) Goggin, born about 1822,

3) Elizabeth (McGeorge) Ruddle, born probably before 1826,

4) Lawrence McGeorge, born about 1825 at Virginia,

5) Ann McGeorge, born about 1829 at Virginia,

6) Mildred (McGeorge) McGuire, born about 1832 at Virginia,

7) Mary J. (McGeorge) Minter, born about 1834 at Virginia, and

8) John McGeorge.

a. Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, Her Husband 1890 Robert Penn Wright Of Franklin County, And Her Descendants

Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household on February 9:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Stud Horses Carriages	The Amount of Tax	
Feby 9	Robert Wright	-	1	-	.12	

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household on February 17:

Date of Receiv-ing list from Indi-viduals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Amount of Tax	
Feb 17	Robert Wright	-	1	.12	

The marriage bond of Rhoda McGeorge, daughter of William McGeorge, and Robert P. Wright was dated on October 21, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, with William McGeorge as surety:

"the Clerk of Bedford will plese isue license to Robert P Wright to mary my Dauter Rhode Given under my hand this 21st Day of Oct 1829

Witness
William Mc George

Wm. McGeorge

Know all men by these presents, That we Robert P. Wright and William McGeorge Jr. are held and firmly bound unto David Campbell Esqr. Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to his successors in Office, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 21st day of October 1839.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Robert P. Wright and Rhoda McGeorge Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness,
Jno. R. Steptoe

Robert P. Wright
William McGeorge"

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the following household:

1840	Names of Owners	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Horses &c	___	Amount of Taxes
	Robert P Wright	-	2		.16

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household on March 1:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males	Slaves above 12 years old
March 1	Robert Wright	1	1

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether four wheel or two Wheel riding Carriages phea stage wagons with the Vallue thereof	
-	2		.65

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the following household on April 16:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males Above 16	Slaves above 12 years old
Ap 16	Robert P Wright	1	-

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether 4 wheel or two wheel riding Carriages Carryall and all others with Vallue thereof	Amount of Tax
-	2		.25

On May 31, 1843, at Franklin County, Virginia, Deed 18/253 Robert P. Wright was a witness to the deed of his father, 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household:

Dates of Receiving lists	Persons names Chargeable with tax	White Males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age
	Robert Wright	1	1	

Horses &c	No 4 Wheel Pleasure Carriages and value	No of Carryalls & value	No. Gold Watches	No. Silver Laver or Lapine Watches	No. Other Watches
2					

No. Clocks at 50 Cents	No. Clocks at 25 Cents	No. Pianos and Value	Physicians paying a specific tax	Gold & Silver plate	Interest Received

Deeds Wills& letters of Admns	Total Amount of Tax
	.65

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household:

	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Robert Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value
1				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, pre__ or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household:

_____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Robert Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
1				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				.32

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household:

____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Robert Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages & harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages & value
2				

Gold watches	Patent L watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos & value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and amount of tax	Physicians &c paying specific tax	Dentists paying specific Tax & amount of tax	Am't of Interest and profits

Am't of monied yearly income over $400	Bridge value -	Ferry - value	Newspaper	Dollars Cents
				.64½

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert Wright with the following household:

_____	_____	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Robert Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness & value	Stages and value including harness	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and Harness, & value	Gold watches
2				

Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50

Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges Value	Ferries Value	Newspapers value	
				.52

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the following household:

	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
March 28	Robert P Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
2				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax amt of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				.52

The will of 1849 Thomas Wright dated October 20, 1843 and probated on August 6, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/79 listed Robert P. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . also I give her and my son Robert P. Wright all my stock of Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and plantation tools and utentials of every description also all the stock of grain and provisions of every decription which I may have at my decease. Item 2nd I give unto my son Robert P. Wright the above mentioned 140 acres of land at the decease of my wife also the land I purchased of the heirs of Jacob Harcrider deceased with the exception of what I have sold to Mr. John Beard also a part of the land bot of Thomas Chaetor beginning at Beards corner Post Oak near the north east corner of my mantion field thence runing a strait line to a large poplar on the south side of the little cove branch thence up the ridge to Mr Hopkins line also I give him the negro man Josiah at the decease of my wife to him & his heirs forever. . . . It is my desire that my son Robert P. Wright shall act as my Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & annuling all former ones. . . ."

After the death of 1849 Thomas Wright litigation was initiated by Robert P. Wright regarding the proper interpretation of his will. On October 18, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book A/_ the court entered its order as follows:

> "Robert P. Wright Executor of Thomas Wright Decd — Plff
> against
> Susannah Wright and others. — Defts.
>
> This day this cause came on to be heard by the consent of the parties by their counsel. On the Bill of the Plaintiff answer of the Defendants Solomon Wright, Mary Wright, Wm Richardson and Nancy his wife, Richard Bandy and Margaret his wife Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Payne and Pheba Wright and exhibit and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that upon a fair and proper consideration of the Will of the Testator Thomas Wright in the Bill mentioned. The children in the Bill mentioned of the slave Charlotte born

in the life time of the Testator after the publication of the said Will pass to and rightfully belong to the Defendant Susannah Wright. That the wagons Blacksmiths Tools and Cross cut saw in the Bill also mentioned pass under the bequest in the said Will to the Plaintiff and Defendant Susannah Wright. But that the crops of grain that were growing and unsevered at the death of the said Testator fall into the residuum and pass to the said residuary legatees after the payment of the Testator's debts and that the children and heirs of the said Joseph Wright Decd in the Bill mentioned collectively are entitled to one eighth of the said residuum as residuary legatees of the said Testator. Therefore the court doth adjudge order and decree that the plaintiff do deliver over and surrender the two slaves in the Bill mentioned the children of the slave Charlotte born between the time of the publication of the said Will and the death of the Testator to the Defendant Susannah Wright - upon her giving to him a proper refunding bond, and that he and the said Susannah jointly retain and hold the said wagon Blacksmiths tools and cross cut saw unless it should be necessary to resort to the sum for the payment of the Testators debts. And that the Plaintiffs do hold the proceeds of the said crops of grain growing at the time of the said Testator's death and carry the same into the said residuum and at the proper time after first paying the said Testators debts and expenses of Administration pay the same to the Defendants Solomon Wright, Wm. Richardson and wife, Richard Bandy & wife Elizabeth Payne, Phebe Wright, Mary Wright and Thomas Wright and the said children and heirs of Joseph Wright Decd. as the residuary legatees of the said Testator counting the said children and heirs of Joseph Wright Decd as one legatee - Upon their executing to him refunding bonds with security - And the court doth further adjudge order and decree that the Plaintiff pay the costs of this suit out of the Estate of his Testator - And liberty is reserved to the Defendants respectively hereafter to call upon the plaintiffs to account to them as such residuary legatees. And for such and further order or decree as may become necessary to recover their respective legacies from the plaintiff."

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the followinghousehold:

	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Robert P Wright	1		1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
3				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profit or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount tax. Dollars Cents
			1.28½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Taxes whether in fee simple, for life &c	No. of Acres	Description of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Robert P Wright	Franklin	of fee	300	linvell

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the land and buildings	Amount of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1200.00	1.20

Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

from Thomas Wright

This record reflects the distribution of land to Robert P. Wright pursuant to his father's will.

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following household on October 3, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Robert P. Wright	28	M		Farmer	$1500	Virginia				
Rhoda Wright	30	F				Virginia				
William T. Wright	10	M				Virginia				
Susannah R. Wright	8	F				Virginia				
John R. Wright	6	M				Virginia				
Laurence M. Wright	4	M				Virginia				
____ Wright	1	M				Virginia				
Susannah Wright	60	F				Virginia				

This record indicates that Robert P. Wright was born about 1822 and that Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright was born about 1820.

The 1851 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P Wright	Franklin	fee	263	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amt of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	1050.00	1.26

Amount of Tax	Explanation
	By recent survey

This record reflects a correction of the amount of land subject to tax by reason of a resurvey and allocation of 37 acres of land to his mother Susannah Wright.

On January 2, 1852, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/380 Robert P. Wright and Rhoda M. Wright, his wife, of Franklin County, Virginia, sold their interest in certain land of the estate of William McGeorge to her brother Laurence McGeorge:

> "This Indenture of bargain made and entered into this 2d day of January 1852 between Robert P. Wright and Rhoda M. his wife of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the one part and Lawrence McGeorge of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth that for & in Consideration of the Sum of four Hundred Dollars paid by the said Lawrence McGeorge to the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, at or before the Sealing & delivering of these presents who hath bargained & sold & by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Lawrence McGeorge a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia under the title of William McGeorge decd & being the same land allotted to the said Robert P. Wright by Commissioners of the County Court of Roanoke & Bounded by the lands of Isaac James, Jeffery R. Goggin, Nancy McGeorge & others. To have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land containing Fifty five acres, be the Same more or less, with all the

singular privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging for ever: & we the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife, for themselves, their heirs &.c, doth covenant & agree with the Said Lawrence McGeorge to warrant & defend the right & title to the above tract or parcel of Land for ever, & defend against the claims of all persons & manner of persons whatever. In testimony whereof we the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals this day & year above written.

Robert P. Wright
Rhoda M. Wright

Roanoke County to wit;

We William B. Preston and Wm McDermod Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Robert P. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date 2d day of January 1852, & hereunto annexed, personally appeared before me in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of January 1852

Wm B. Preston
Wm McDermed

Roanoke County to Wit;

We William B. Preston and Wm. Mcdermed Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Rhoda M. Wright, a party to a certain deed bearing date 2nd day of January 1852 & hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband, acknowledged the same to be her act & deed, & desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 2nd day of January 1852.

Wm B. Preston
Wm McDermed

In the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court the 27 day of March 1852. This Deed from Robert P. Wright & wife to Lawrence McGeorge was delivered to me and together with the certificate thereon written admitted to Record.)

Teste
F. Johnston C"

The 1853 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	263	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Linville	15 NE	4.00		1052.00	2.11

Amount	Explanation

The birth record of Betsy, a slave of Robert P. Wright, was dated on May 29, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Betsy ____
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin County
Owner's Name:	Robert P. Wright
Owner's Occupation:	Farming
Owner's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Francis Sloor [or slave?]
How many:	1
Informant:	Robert P. Wright"

The 1854 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	263	

Description of the Land	Distance from Court House	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt. of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	1052.00	2.11

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alterations

The 1855 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	263	

Discription	Distance from CH	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	1052.00	2.11

Amount for County purposes	Explanation

The birth record of ____, a female slave of Robert P. Wright, was dated on July 19, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ ____
Date of Birth:	July 19, 1855
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Owner's Name:	Robert P Wright
How many:	1"

On August 4, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/32 Susannah Wright gifted certain land to her son Robert P. Wright:

"This Deed made the 4" day August 1855 between Susannah Wright of the one part & Robert P. Wright of the other part & both of the County of Franklin State of Virginia. Witnesseth that for the love and Effection that I the said Susannah Wright has for my son Robert P. Wright. The said Susan Wright do give unto the said Robert P Wright all the lands enclosed in the bounds of the said Robet P. Wright's Bailings together with one half of my pailed garden to have & to hold against all other claims during my natural life, which I the sd Susannah Wright clams & covenants to have the Right to convey all right title & interest which I the said Susannah Wright does willingly & and acknowledge the same & affix my seal this 4" day August 1855

Susannah Wright

Franklin County to wit:

I William Hopkins a justice of and for the County aforesaid do certify that Susannah Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing Deed bearing date 4" August 1855 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 4" August 1855

William Hopkins J P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin Colunty Court the 6th day of August 1855. This Deed of Gift from Susannah Wright to Robert P. Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the Certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.L."

On September 5, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/90 Susannah Wright gifted to Robert P. Wright her lands and other property:

"Articles of agreement made & entered into this 5" day of September 1855 Between Susannah Wright of the one part & Robert P. Wright of the other part & both of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia Witnesseth that for the love and Effectiond the said Susannah Wright has for my son Robt. P. Wright does now give and bequeath all my right title & interest in all the Lands North of the branch or Linvill called Hopkins Branch from the fork of Linvill up to a walk log thence leaving sd branch giveing a small piece of cleared land to the sd Robt. P. Wright. also I the sd Susanna Wright also hereby gives to the sd. Ro. P. Wright my Right title and interest in a certain Negro man Josiah which was bequeathed

to me for life by my husband Thos. Wright by will by will als I the said Susannah Wright gives the sd Ro. P. Wright the use of my Stables & Spring so as not to deprive me of the use of same, in testamony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my seal the Day & date above Ritten.

Susannah Wright

I William Hopkins justice in and for the County aforesaid do Certify that Susannah Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 5" September 1855 personally came before me and acknowledged the same to be her act and eed. Given under my hand this 5" September 1855

William Hopkins J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 3d Day of October 1855. This Deed of Gift from Susannah Wright to Robert P. Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the Certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A Scott C.F.C."

The 1856 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	263	
Robert P. Wright	"	"	1	
Robert P. Wright	"	"	35	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	1052.00	4.21
"	"	4.00		4.00	.02
"	"	4.00		140.00	.56

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	from Susanah Wright deed
	from same

This record reflects the gifts of land to Robert P. Wright from his mother Susannah Wright by Franklin County Deeds 24/32 and 24/90.

The birth record of Cicero A. Wright, son of Robert P. and Rhoda Wright, was dated on May 5, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Cicero A. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 5, 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Robert P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Rhoda Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Robert P. Wright
Relation:	Father"

On July 16, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/308 Robert P. Wright, as commissioner, conveyed certain land to Elizabeth Payne:

> "This Deed made the 16" day of July 1856 between Elizabeth Payne of the one part & Robt. P. Wright commissioner appointed & ordered by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Franklin to convey to Elizabeth Payne a deed to a certain tract or parcel of land mentioned in sd. decree of the other part: Witnesseth that the sd. Robert P. Wright in pesuance of said decree settle and receive of Elizabeth Payne the amount adjudged by sd. Court for her sd. Elizabeth Payne to pay to the heirs mentioned in bill then the said Robert P. Wright shall convey to Elizabeth Payne a deed to said land under special warranty which I the said Robert P. Wright hereby makes and acknowledged this deed to sd. land mentioned and supposed to contain sixty two acres more or less and bounded as follows by Skelton Simmons, James Nimmo, John Besind & others in testamony whereof I hereunto set my hand as commissioner appointed as aforesaid to make such conveyance and acknowledge the same this 16" July 1856.
>
> Robert P. Wright

Franklin County To Wit,

I William Hopkins Justice in and for the County aforesaid do certify that Robert P. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing deed bearing date 16" July 1856 personally came before me in my County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 16" July 1856.

William Hopkins J. P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 1" day of September 1856. This Deed from Robert P. Wright commissioner to Elizabeth Payne was Exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C. F. C."

The 1856 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	263	
Robert P. Wright	"	"	1	
Robert P. Wright	"	"	35	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	1052.00	4.21
"	"	4.00		4.00	.02
"	"	4.00		140.00	.56

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	from Susanah Wright deed
	from same

The 1857 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	300	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville Creek	22 NE	6.00	300	1800.00	7.20

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

This record reflects a consolidation of his three parcels of land with the original 300 acre parcel.

The birth record of ____, a female slave of Robert P. Wright, was dated on April 30, 1857, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ ____
Date of Birth:	April 30, 1857
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Owner's Name:	Robert P Wright
Mother's Name:	____ ____(?)
How many:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The 1858 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	300	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville Creek	22 NE	6.00	300	1800.00	7.20

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1859 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	fee	300	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Lynville Creek	20 NW	6.00	300	1800.00	7.20

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The birth record of Nancy E. Wright, daughter of Robert P. and Rhoda Wright, was dated on October 2, 1859, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Nancy E. Wright
Date of Birth:	October 2, 1859
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Robert P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin

Mother's Name:	Rhoda
How many:	1
Informant:	Father
Relation:	Head of Family"

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Robert P. Wright	Franklin	Fee	300	
Robert P. Wright	"	"	214	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Lynville Creek	15 NW	6.00	300	1800.00	7.20
"	15 NW	6.00	150	1284.00	5.14

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	from Thomas Wright by Will

This record reflects the transfer to Robert P. Wright of the property subject to the dower life estate of his mother Susannah Wright following her death in 1858.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert B. Wright with the following household on August 27, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Robt B. Wright	38	M		Farmer	10000
Rhoda Wright	40	F			
Wm T. Wright	19	M			
John R. Wright	16	M			
Larance M. Wright	12	M			
Henry S. Wright	10	M			
Milton M. Wright	8	M			
Cicero A. Wright	4	M			
Nancy L. Wright	1	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
4100	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				
	Va				

The 1860 Census Slave Schedules for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following slaves:

Names of Slave Owners	No of Slaves	Age	Sex	Color	Fugitives from the State
Robt P. Wright	1	50	M	B	
	1	15	M	B	
	1	12	F	M	
	1	10	F	M	
	1	8	F	B	

Number manumitted	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic	No. of Slave houses

The birth record of ____, a female slave of Robert P. Wright, was dated on August 30, 1862, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ ____
Date of Birth:	August 30, 1862
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin

Owner's Name:	Ro P Wright
Owner's Occupation:	Farmer
Owner's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Mary J.
How many:	1
Deformity:	None
Informant:	Owner
Relation:	Head family"

On May 10, 1867, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 28/182 Robert P. Wright transferred certain land to Lawrence M. Wright for the benefit of his wife Rhoda:

> "This deed made this 10th day of May 1867 Between Robert P Wright of the one part Laurence M Wright of the second part and Rhoda the wife of the said Robert P Wright of the third part all of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia. Whereas it is the intention of the said Robert P Wright to settle certain lands upon his wife the said Rhoda Wright for and during the natural life of the said Rhoda Wright with remainder to such person or persons as shall hereinafter be directed. Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of one dollar by the said Lawrence M Wright to the said Robert P Wright in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Robert P Wright doth grant transfer and assign unto the said Laurence M Wright his heirs and assigns with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the said County of Franklin lying on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John Beard and others and containing Five hundred and fourteen acres and 39 poles more or less. Upon Trust nevertheless that the said Laurence M Wright his heirs personal representatives and assigns shall during the life of the said Rhoda Wright allow her to use and occupy the said lands and cultivate the same for the support and maintenance of herself and children or shall allow her to rent out the lands and apply the rents and profits of the said lands to the support of and maintenance of herself and children as aforesaid at the discretion of the said Rhoda Wright, It being always understood that the said lands shall in no wise be subject or applied to the contracts or debts of the said Robert P Wright hereafter contracted or incurred by him. But shall be held free from his control and faithfully applied to the purposes of the trust herein declared. Upon the death of the said Rhoda Wright the said Laurence M. Wright his heirs and personal representatives shall convey surrender and deliver over all the land aforesaid with all the profits thereof to such person or persons as the said Rhoda Wright shall appoint either by deed properly executed or by last will and Testament duly made and published according to the laws of Virginia, and in default of such appointment by the said Rhoda Wright, the said Laurence M Wright his heirs and personal representatives shall convey surrender and deliver over all of the said land and profits then remaining on said land to the children of the said Rhoda Wright living

at the time of her death and the descendants of such of them as may be dead, and upon this further trust that the said Laurence M Wright his heirs and personal representatives shall at all times have full power and authority by and with the consent of the said Rhoda Wright evidenced by writing under her hand and seal to sell and convey the whole or any part of the lands aforesaid and the profits thereof and invest the proceeds arising from such Sale in other lands or other property to be held for the same purpose and under the same trusts and limitations as herein declared and specified in relation to the estate hereby conveyed and specified, and with like consent from time to time to sell and change the said trust estate or any part thereof and reinvest the same for the trusts and purposes aforesaid. Witness the following Signatures and seals.

Robert P Wright
Laurence M Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to Wit

I William Hopkins a Justice in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Robt P Wright Laurence M Wright and Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 10th day of May 1867.

William Hopkins J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 11th day of May 1867.

This deed of settlement between Robert P Wright Laurence M Wright and Rhoda Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record. Revenue Stamps placed on deed as prescribed by law.

Teste
Ro. A Scott C.F.C."

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following household on July 25, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Robert P. Wright	48	M	W	Farmer	800
Rhoda Wright	42	F	W	Keeping House	
Lawrence Wright	22	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Henry Wright	20	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Milton Wright	17	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Cicero Wright	14	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Nancy Wright	10	F	W		
Colman Arthur	19	M	W	Farm Laborer	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
800	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
		1	

On December 3, 1870, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 29/271 Lawrence M. Wright, as trustee, and Rhoda Wright sold to Henry S. Wright 76 acres of land:

"This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright, wife of Robert P. Wright, and the said Rhoda Wright of

the one part and Henry S. Wright of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & state of Virginia, Witnesseth whereas by a deed dated, the 10" day of May 1867, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Franklin County, Robert P. Wright did convey to the said Lawrence M. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin County on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John Beard & others and containing 574 acres and 39 poles more or less in trust for the sale and seperate use of the said Rhoda Wright & her children with certain limitations and conditions thereto annexed and whereas by said deed, the said Lawrence M. Wright is authorized and empowered by and with the consent of the said Rhoda Wright evidenced by writing under her hand and seal to convey the whole or any part of the said land embrased in the said deed, and the said Rhoda Wright wishing to convey a portion of the said land to the said Henry S. Wright. Therefore this deed Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of one dollar to the said Laurence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, and the said Rhoda Wright in hand paid, the said Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright do hereby grant unto the said Henry S. Wright with general warranty seventy six acres and 98 poles more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at a white oak corner in M. G Booth's line at the foot of the mountain N 54, E 34 po to a white oak S. 82 E 68 po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 59 E 60 po to pointer, S. 44 W 133 po to pointers on a road, N 42, W. 31 po to the North bank of Lynville Creek N 24, W 124 po to the beginning, being a part of the same land conveyed as aforesaid by the said Robert P. Wright to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid. Witness the following signatures & seals,

Lawrence M. Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to wit

I John W. Price a justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginina do certify that Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date December 3rd 1870, has acknowledged the same beforfe me in my county aforesaid, Given under hand this 3rd day of December 1870.

John W. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870

This deed from Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright and the said Rhoda Wright to Henry S. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together

with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record, (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Henry S. Wright of the one part and Lawrence M. Wright, all of the County of Franklin Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of the sum of Forty nine dollars & forty three cents in hand paid to the said Henry S. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Henry S. Wright doth grant unto unto the said Lawrence M. Wright with special warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Linville Creek adjoining the land of Wm. S. Wright & others containing 5 acres 151 poles more or less and bounded as follows, begining at pointers S 44 W 13 1/3 po, to ridge road thence as the road meanders S 85 W 8 po. N 59 W 15 po N 34, W to where Ambrose Rucker's line crosses said road thence S 88 E 9 po to pointers round a red oak stump formerly a red oak corner S 59 E 60 po. to the beginning. Witness the following signature & seal.

Henry S. Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I John W. Price a Justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Henry S. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date December 3d 1870, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1870.

John W. Price J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This Deed from Henry S. Wright to Lawrence M. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law.

Teste -
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright wife of Robert P. Wright and the said Rhoda Wright of the one part, & Henry S. Wright of the other part all of the county of Franklin and state of Virginia, Witnesseth whereas by a deed dated the 10th day of May 1867,

and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Franklin County Robert P. Wright did convey to the said Lawrence M. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Franklin County, on the waters of Lynville creak adjoining the lands of John Beard & others and containing 54 acres and 39 poles more or less in trust for the sale and seperate use of the said Rhoda Wright and her children with certain limitations and conditions thereto annexed and whereas by said deed the said Lawrence M. Wright is authorized and empowered by and with the concent of the said Rhoda Wright evidenced by writing under her hand and seal to convey the whole or any part of the said lands embrased in the said deed and the said Rhoda Wright wishing to convey a portion of the said lands to the said Henry S. Wright, therefore this deed witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of one dollar to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, and the said Rhoda Wright in hand paid, the said Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright, do hereby grant unto the said Henry S. Wright with general warranty seventy seven acres and 118 poles more or less and bounded as follows, begining at pointers on an old pathe a corner in John Beards line S 27 1/2, W 67 po. to a red oak stump N. 48, W 73 po to pointers No 59 W 60 po to pointers whare formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2, W 40 1/2 po crosing a branch to a red oak, N 68 1/2, E 47 po to a poplar on the South side of little cave branch, S 57 E. 55 po to pointers in John Beards line whare formerly stood a post oak, S 49 E 94 po, crosing the foresaid branch to pointers the, bgining, being a part of the same lands conveyed as aforesaid, by the said Robert P. Wright to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, Witness the following signatures & seals,

Lawrence M. Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I John W. Price a justice in and for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date December 3d 1870, has acknowledged the same before me, in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3d day of December 1870.

John M. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This deed from Lawrence M. Wright, trustee for Rhoda Wright, the wife of Robert P. Wright and the said Rhoda Wright to Henry S. Wright was exhibited in

the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Henry S. Wright of the one part, & Lawrence M. Wright of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & state of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Henry S. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Henry S. Wright do hereby grant unto the said Lawrence M. Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Franklin on the waters of Lynville creek adjoining the lands of John Beard and others containing seventy seven acres & 118 poles more or less and bounded as follows, Bginning at pointers on an old pathe a corner in John Beards line, S 27 1/2, W 67 po to pointers at a red oak stump, N 48 W 73 po to pointers, N 59, W 60 po. to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2, W 40 1/2 po crossing a branch to a red oak, N 68 1/2 E 47 po to a poplar on the south side of Little cove branch S 57 E 55 ps. to pointers in John Beards line where formerly stood a post Oak, S 49, E 94 po crossing the aforesaid branch to pointers the bginning, Witness the following signature & seal.

Henry S. Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I Julia W. Price a Justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that Henry S. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3d day of December 1870.

John W. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This deed from Henry S. Wright to Lawrence M. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C."

On December 3, 1870, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 29/351 Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright sold to William T. Wright 514 acres of land:

"This deed made 3rd day of December 1870, between Laurence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright wife of Robert P. Wright and the said Rhoda Wright of the one part and William T. Wright of the other, all of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia. Witnesseth, whereas by a deed dated the 10th day of May 1867 and recorded in the Clerks office of the County Court of Franklin County, Robert P. Wright did convey to the said Lawrence M. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Franklin County on the waters of Lynville Creek, adjoining the lands of John Beard and others and containing 514 acres and 39 poles more in less in trust for the sole and separate use of the said Rhoda Wright and her children with certain limitations and considerations thereto annexed, and whereas by said deed the said Lawrence M. Wright is authorised and impowered by and with the consent of the said Rhoda Wright evidence by writing under her hand and seal to convey the whole or any part of the said land embraced in the said deed, and the said Rhoda Wright wishing to convey a portion of the said to the said William T. Wright, Therefore this deed, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of one dollar to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, and the said Rhoda Wright in hand paid, the said Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright do hereby grant unto the said William T. Wright with general warranty seventy seven acres and 58 poles more or less and bounded as follows, Beginning at a corner sowerwood on a branch the same being John Hannabals & Henry G. Hopkins corner N 37 E 105 po. to a stake in the field No 27 E. 39 po. to pointers round a red oak stump N. 48, W 73 po. pointers S. 44 W. 113 po. pointers on a rod S 42. E 96 po. to the beginning being a part of the same land conveyed as aforesaid by the said Robert P. Wright to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid. Witness the following signature & seals

Lawrence M. Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to wit:

I, John W. Price a justice in & for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginina do certify that Lawrence M. Wright & Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date December the 3rd 1870. has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1870.

John W. Price J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court March 5th 1871.

This deed from Laurence M. Wright, Trustee for Rhoda Wright to William T. Wright was exhibited in the said office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record - "Revenue Stamps placed and deed and cancelled according to law" -

Teste
James J. Carper C.F.C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Robert P. Wright with the following household on June 23 or 24, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Robert P. Wright	W	M	58		
Rhoda Wright	W	F	62		Wife
Milton M Wright	W	M	27		Son
Cisaroe A. Wright	W	M	24		Son
Nancy L Wright	W	F	18		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping House		
S		Laborer	1	
S		Laborer	1	
S		At Home		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va

The death certificate of Robert P. Wright was dated on May 30, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Commonwealth Of Virginia
Department of Health - Division of Vital Records
Certification Of Death

Transcript of a record of death secured by the Commissioner of the Revenue between 1853 and 1896 as required by Chapter 104, Page 846, Section 21, Code of 1873, Acts of 1852, and now in the keeping of the Virginia Division of Vital Records, in accordance with Chapter 118, Page 226, Acts of 1918.

Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	45
Name of Deceased:	Ro. P. Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	69 years, 5 months, and 12 days
Date of Death:	May 30, 1890
Place:	Franklin County, Virginia
Cause of Death:	Heart Disease
Name of Parents:	Thomas and Susannah Wright
Birthplace of Deceased:	Franklin County
Occupation:	Farmer
Consort of:	Not stated
Name of Informant:	M. M. Wright
Relation of Informant:	Son
Commissioner of the Revenue:	F. I. Wray
Date Record Filed:	Between 1890 and 1896"

This record indicates that 1890 Robert P. Wright was born on January 18, 1821.

The will of Robert P. Wright was dated October 31, 1888, probated on August 4, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 21/321, and provided as follows:

"Know all men by these presents that I Robert P Wright of the County of Franklin and state of Virginia knowing that it is appointed to all men to die and being desirous to dispose of my little worldly estate do make and constitute these presents to be and contain my last will and testament in my own hand write

First that all of my just debts be paid if any there be. Second I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my money bonds Bank certificates and all evidences of money that I may have or that may be due me at my decease, also all of my household property of every description to be equally divided between them I give unto my son Milton M.

Wright and Cicero A Wright all of my plantation tools and utensils of every kind Including Wheat Fan and grain hogsheads. I also give to the same two MM & CA Wright my rifle gun and shotgun. I also give unto the said M.M. & CA Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my sheep. I have heretofore given unto my son W T & Lawrence M & Henry S. Wright what I intend them to have of my estate. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31" day of October A D 1888 in the presence of

J (?) F Moore Robert P Wright
Wm. B. Meadow 1888

Franklin County Court Aug 4" 1890

The last will and testament of Robert P Wright deceased was produced in court and proved by the oath of Wm O Jeter and James J Carper to be wholy in the handwriting of the said Robert P Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jas J Carter Clerk"

The children of Robert P. Wright are identified from that will as the following:

1) Milton M. Wright,
2) Cicero A. Wright,
3) Nancy L. Wright,
4) Son W. T. Wright,
5) Laurence M. Wright, and
6) Henry S. Wright.

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 43/354 Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright sold a tract of land to Cicero A. Wright subject to Rhoda Wright's life estate:

"This Deed made this the 16th day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright Trustee of the first part and Cicero A Wright of the second part, Witness, that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part have sold and do hereby convey the said Rhoda Wright with general warranty and the said Lawrence M. Wright with Special Warranty - a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin Co on the waters of Lynville Creek and bounded as follows, Begining at a spanish oak corner in W. T. Wright land and with M. M. Wrights line S 57 1/2 E 197 po to pointers once road an with road S 5 1/2 W 22 po S 15 E 26 po to a

post oak N 70 W 120 po to an Apple tree N 86 W 59 poles to a cherry tree at a road and with said road S 50 W 45 po, thence leaving said road S 30 W 8 po to a gum N 32 W 60 po to W. T. Wrights line and N 39 E 76 po to where stood a stake in a field N 29 E 41 po to beginning, but it is expressly understood & agreed that that the said Rhoda Wright retains her lifetime interest the above tract of land and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession and controll untill after the death of the said Rhoda Wright. Witness the following signatures & seals this the day & year above written,

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia) To wit:
Franklin Co.)

I, John S. Hale a Justice of the Peace for Franklin Co. State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Laurance M Wright whose names are signed to above deed bearing date this the 16th day of March, 1893 this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 16th day of March 1893.

John S. Hale J.P.

Virginia

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 19th day of May 1893. This Deed from Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright to Cicero A Wright was upon the certificate of acknowledgment this day admitted to record.

Teste
J. J Carper Clerk"

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 43/355 Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright sold a tract of line to Milton M. Wright subject to Rhoda Wright's life estate:

"This Deed made this the 16th day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright Trustee of the first part and Milton M Wright of the second part, Witness, That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of first part have sold and do hereby convey with general warranty as to the said Rhoda Wright and the said Lawrence M Wright conveys with special warranty a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin County on Lynville Creek and bounded as follows. Begining at pointers and with old line S 86 1/2 E 94 po to pointers on a road and with road

S 6 E 13 po S 23 E 33 po S 25 E 16 po S 6 E 48 po S 17 E 18 po S 27 E 22 po S 20 E 17 po to pointers marked on East side of road once small spanish oak, thence a new line N 57 1/2 W 197 po to a spanish oak corner to W. T. Wrights line thence with the line of a tract of land conveyed by said Rhoda Wright to Lawrence M Wright to the begining, but it is expressly understood and agreed by all parties concerned that the said Rhoda Wright retains her lifetime interest in the above tract of land and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession and controll untill after her death witness the following signatures and seals this the day and year first above written.

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia,) To wit:
Franklin Co)

I, John S. Hale a Justice of the Peace for Franklin County State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright whose names are signed to the above deed bearing date the 16th day of March 1893, this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 16th day of March 1893.

John S. Hale J.P.

Virginia

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 19th day of March 1893. This Deed from Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright to Milton M Wright was upon the certificate of acknowledgement this day admitted to record.

Teste
J. J. Carper Clerk"

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 44/428 Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright, as trustee, sold a parcel of land to Nancy L. Hopkins, subject to a reserved life estate for Rhoda Wright:

"This Deed made this the 16" day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright Trustee of the first part and Nancy L. Hopkins formerly Nancy L Wright of the second part, Witness, That for and in consideration of one dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the partis of the first part have sold and do hereby convey the said Rhoda Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin County on Lynnville Creek & bounded as follows. Begining at a white oak in Nickols line N 8-3/4 W 40 po to a post oak,

thence with C. A Wrights line N 70 W 120 po to an Apple tree N 86 W 59 po to road at Cherry tree and with road S 50 W 45 po S 30 W 8 po to a gum N 32 W 60 po to W. T. Wrights line and with it S 39 W 28 poles to pointers on a branch S 23-1/4 E 96 po to where stood a Poplar thence with old marked line N 71-1/2 E 27-3/4 po N 77 E 7 po N 87-1/2 E 7 po N 66 E 30 po N 73-1/2 E 23 po N 64-1/2 E 6 po N 83 E 11 po N 83 E 62 po N 88-1/2 E 40 po S 77-1/2 E 15 po to begining. But it is expressly understood & agreed that that the said Rhoda Wright returns a life interest in above described tract of land, and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession & controll of same untill after the death of the said Rhoda Wright. Witness the following signatures & seals this the day and year above written

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia)
Franklin County) To wit:

I John S Hale a Justice of Peace for Franklin County State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright whose names are signed to above deed bearing date the 16th day of March 1893 this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 6" day of March 1893

John S Hale J.P.

Virginia In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 15th day September 1894. This Deed was this day received in said Office and upon the certificate of acknowledgment admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper Clerk"

The marriage license of Cicero A. Wright dated September 30, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as a son of Robert P. and Rhoda Wright and his age as 38, indicating a date of birth in about 1857.

The death certificate of Cicero Anthony Wright dated on July 15, 1919, at Franklin County, Virginia, listed his father's name as Robert Penn Wright.

Conversations with Snowwhite Wright Saunders, Eva Wright Meador, and Maude Wright Morgan in Bedford County, Virginia, in June 1976 confirmed that their

grandparents were Robert P. Wright and his wife Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and their parents were Milton McGeorge Wright and Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 283653 for Bessie Coppedge dated September 1, 1939, which stated that Rhoda McGeorge was a daughter of Ruthy Wright and William McGeorge, was born in 1818, married Robert P. Wright, and died on May 29, 1893, that Robert P. Wright was born in 1822 and died on May 30, 1891, and that Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and Robert P. Wright had the following child:

1) William Thomas Wright, born on July 24, 1840.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge, was born in 1817 or 1818 at Virginia, married Robert Pasley Wright on October 21, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on May 29, 1893, at Virginia, that Robert Pasley Wright was born on February 16, 1821, at Virginia, and died on May 30, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, and that Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and Robert Pasley Wright had the following children:

1) William T. Wright, born on July 24, 1840, at Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Susannah Wright, born in 1842 at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) John R. Wright, born on April 4, 1845, at Franklin County, Virginia,

4) Mildred A. Wright, born on March 15, 1846, at Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Lawrence Monrow Wright, born in 1848 at Franklin County, Virginia,

6) Henry Smith Wright, born in 1850 at Franklin County, Virginia,

7) Milton "Mint" McGeorge Wright, born on July 29, 1852, at Hardy, Franklin County, Virginia,

8) Cicero Anthony "Rory" Wright, born on May 5, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia,

9) R. P. Wright, born on July 19, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, and

10) Nancy Elizabeth (Wright) Hopkins, born on October 2, 1859 or 1862, at Franklin County, Virginia.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews also stated that Robert P. Wright's middle name of Pasley may have been a family tradition based on the Pasley marriage rather than a documented conclusion.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County were the following:

1) William Thomas Wright, born about 1840 or 1841 or July 24, 1840, at Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Susannah R. Wright, born on April 29, 1842 at Virginia, probably at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) John R. Wright, born about 1844 or Apr 4, 1845, at Franklin County, Virginia,

4) Laurence Monrow Wright, born in August 1847 at Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Henry Smith Wright, born about 1850 at Virginia, probably at Franklin County, Virginia,

6) Milton McGeorge Wright, born in July 29, 1852 at Franklin County, Virginia,

7) Cicero Anthony Wright, born on May 5, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, and

8) Nancy L. (Wright) Hopkins, born about 1858 or 1859 or 1860 or Oct 2, 1859 or 1862, at Franklin County, Virginia.

i. 1928 William Thomas Wright, His Wife Octavia M. (Hannabass) Wright, And His Descendants

1928 William Thomas Wright was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William T. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William T. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 19 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that William T. Wright enlisted as a private in Company D of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on July 23, 1861, at Camp Hicks, was born on March 25, 1837, at Virginia, was a farmhand at Coopers Post Office, Franklin County, in the 1860 Census, was present until discharged for "Phthisis Pulmonalis" on April 23, 1862, and was a brother of John R. Wright.

The marriage license of William T. Wright and Octavia M. Hannabass was dated on December 23, 1862, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.
Virginia - County of Franklin to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorised to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia William T. Wright and Octavia M Hannabass

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this 19" day of December 1862

Ro. A. Scott, Clerk

Certificate To Obtain A Marriage License,

Time of Marriage, 23rd December 1862
Place of Marriage, Franklin Co Va
Full Names of Parties married, William T. Wright and Octavia M. Hanabass
Age of Husband, 22 years
Age of Wife, 20 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Robert P. & Rhoda Wright

Names of Wife's Parents, Henry & Martha Hanabass
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 19" day of December 1862

Ro. A. Scott Clerk

Minister's Return Of Marriage.

I certify, that on the 23rd day of December 1862 at the Residence of Henry Hanabass I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

John Bowman"

36th and 37th Battalions Virginia Cavalry stated that William T. Wright enlisted on January 31, 1863, at Salem, Virginia, in Company A, 37th Battalion of Virginia Cavalry, was present in September and October 1864, was paroled on June 5, 1865, at Franklin County Court House, and was living in Franklin County in 1910 at age 70.

The birth record of ____ Wright, son of William T. and Octavia A. Wright, was dated on September 12, 1866, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	September 12, 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin Co Va
Father's Name:	Wm T Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Octavia A Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Father
Relation:	Father"

Other records identify this child as John R. Wright.

On November 21, 1866, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 28/119 William T. Wright purchased 76 acres of land from Matthew B. and Manerva Barton:

"This deed made this 21st day of November 1866 between Mathew B Barton and Manerva Barton his wife of the one part and William T. Wright of the Other

part both of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Ninety five Dollars in hand paid we the said Mathew B. Barton and Manerva his wife have this day bargained and sold unto the said William T. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia and bounded by the lands of John Beard Edward Simmons and others containing Seventy Six and One quarter acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at a stone corner in John A. Edwards line thence with John Beards line to a Sourwood corner thence to a whiteoak and poplar in John Beards line thence to a white Oak in Edward Simmons line thence S 53, E 26 poles to a dogwood in Simmons line S 2 W 94 poles to a red Oak S 80 W to the Beginning To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the said William T. Wright and his heirs forever. And the said Mathew B Barton and Manerva his wife doth further covenant and agree to and with the said William T Wright to warrant and forever defend the right and title to said tract or parcel of land against the claim or demands of themselves and all other persons whatever. Witness the following signatures and Seals.

Matthew B Barton
Manerva Barton

Franklin County to Wit

I William Hopkins a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Matthew B Barton a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 21" day of November 1866 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 22d day of November 1866

William Hopkins J.P.

Franklin County to wit

We William Hopkins and A. J. Haislip Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Manerva Barton the wife of Matthew B Barton parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 21" day of November 1866 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Manerva

Barton acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands this 22d day of November 1866.

William Hopkins J.P.
A J. Haislip J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 3d day of December 1866.

This deed from Matthew B. Barton and Manerva Barton his wife to William T Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record. (Revenue Stamps on Deed as prescribed by law.)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.C."

The birth record of ____ Wright, daughter of William T. and Octavia Wright, was dated on November 21, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	November 21, 1868
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Wm T. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Octavia Wright
How many:	1
Deformity:	None
Informant:	Father
Relation:	Father"

Other records establish that this child was Henrietta or Ida Wright.

On April 14, 1869, at Franklin County Virginia, D.B. 29/119 William T. Wright purchased 180 acres of land from George W. and Elisabeth Hopkins:

"Know all men these presents that George W Hopkins of Franklin County and Commonwealth of Virginia for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and Fifty dollars to be paid by William T. Right of Franklin County and Commonwealth of Virginia the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do give

grant sell and convey unto the said William T. Right al that tract of land situated in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Ajoining lands of Moses G. Booth Joseph Ridgeway and others containing one hundred and Eighty acres mor or less. To have and to hold the same to the said William T. Right his heirs and assigns to his and their use forever: And I the said Georg W. Hopkins covenant with the said Right his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises: That they are free from all incumbrances, that I will warrant and defen the same to the said Right his heirs and assigns against the lawfull clames and demands of all persons. And Elizabeth wife of George W Hopkins aforesaid in consideration of the sum of ten Dollars to her in hand paid the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge hereby releases to the said William T. Right, his heirs and assigns all her right title and interest to or in any dower in the aforegranted premises. In testimony whereof I the said George W Hopkins together with Elisabeth my wife have hereunto set our hands and seals this 14" Day of April A. D. 1869 signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Witness
Abram Kinsie
George Montgomery

George W Hopkins
her
Elisabeth X Hopkins
mark

State of Indiana) S.S.
Cass County)

Before me the subscriber one of the Justice of the peace within and for said County personally appeared the above named George W Hopkins and Elisabeth his wife: who in due form of Law, Acnowledg that they did sign and seal the above indenture as their free act and deed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14" day of April A. D. 1869:

John S. Walter J. P.

The State of Indiana) SCI
Cass. County)

I Horace M. Bliss clerk of the Cass Circuit Court do hereby certify that John S. Walters before whom the execution of the annexed Deed was acknowledged, was, at the date of said acknowledgement a Justice of the peace, within and for said County duly elected commissioned and qualified and legally authorized to take such acknowledgements and that the same is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of Indiana and I further certify that I am acquainted with the handwriting of said John S. Walters, and verily believe the signature thereto attached purporting to be his is genuine

Witness Horace M. Bliss clerk of said Court and the Seal said Court hereunto affixed at Logansport, this 16" day of April 1869.

Horace M. Bliss Clerk.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 6" day of December 1869. This Deed from George W. Hopkins to William T. Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record (Revenue Stamps placed on Deed as prescribed by law.

Teste
P. Saunders Sr. C.F.C."

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household on July 26, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
William Wright	33	M	W	Farmer	1000
Octavia Wright	26	F	W	Keeping House	
Florence Wright	7	F	W		
John Wright	4	M	W		
Henrietta Wright	2	F	W		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
300	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

On November 3, 1870, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 29/348 William Wright purchased 7 acres of land from William and Sally Hix:

"This Indenture made this 3d day of November 1870 between William Hix and Sally Hix his wife of the one part and William Wright of the other part all of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia. Witness for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty dollars & 40/100 paid to the said Hix in hand he hath this day bargain and sold unto the said Wright one tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Franklin containing Seven Acres and 2 Roods and 2 Poles and bounded as follows adjoining the lands of William Wright and others Beginning at pointers thence with Simmons line N 44 W 33.50 po to a Dogwood Stump on a branch thence with Wrights line S 1.30 W 95 po to a White Oak thence new line N 27 E 24 poles to pointers N 17 E 51 poles to the beginning I the said William Hix and Sally Hix do bind ourselves to warrant and defend the rite and title of said land unto said Wright from all claims or claim whatsoever Given under our hands and Seal day and date above written

Witness

his
William X Hix
mark
her
Sally X Hix

State of Virginia
County of Franklin to wit

This day personally appeared William Hix before me a Justice for said County and having the above deed fully explained to him acknowledged the same to be his own act and deed and that he wished to alter or retract no part thereof. Given under my hand this 19" day of November 1870

J H. Wilson J.P.

State of Virginia
County of Franklin to wit.

This day personally appeared Sally Hix wife of the said William Hix and having the within deed or writing fully explained to her seperately and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her own act and that she wished to alter or retract no part thereof. Given under our hands the 19" day of November 1870

J H Wilson JP.
John W Price J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 6th day of March 1871 This deed from William Hix and Sally Hix his wife to William Wright was exhibited in the Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record. Stamped as prescribed by law.

Teste
James J Carper CF.C."

On March 1, 1876, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/602 William T. Wright purchased 60 acres of land from the estate of John A. Edwards:

"This deed made this first day of March Anno Domini 1876 between Hugh Nelson (a Commissioner acting under a decree made by the Circuit Court of Franklin County on the 12" day of November 1875 in the case of Simmons Admr for &c against Edwards Admr & al) of the one part and William T. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that in obedience to said decree the said Hugh Nelson doth grant unto the said William T. Wright with special warranty all that parcel of land situated in Franklin County embracing about sixty acres be the same more or less, and being a portion of the lands owned and held by John A Edwards deceased, at the time of his death, and bounded by the lands of William A Beard Sally Hix Robert Payne and John Beard deceased, to have and to hold all of the said parcel of land to him the said William T Wright his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signature and seal.

Hugh Nelson

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 9" day of March 1871.

This deed from Hugh Nelson a Comissioner to William T. Wright was acknowledged before me in my said office by the said Hugh Nelson and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carper CFC"

On March 13, 1876, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 31/614 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright sold 60 acres of land to Jacob W. Webb:

"This deed made this 13" day of March A D 1876 between William T Wright and Ocatavia M Wright his wife of the first part and Jacob W Webb of the second part all of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said William T Wright and Octavia M his wife in consideration of the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars to them paid by the said Jacob W Webb the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth grant bargain sell and convey with general

warranty to the said Jacob W Webb a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Franklin County embracing about sixty acres more or less and is the same land land conveyed to the said William T Wright by Hugh Nelson a Commissioner of Franklin Circuit Court in the Chancery cause of Simmons Admr for &c against Edwards Admr &c and duly of record in the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court, To have and to hold all of the said parcel ofland to him the said Jacob W Webb his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Wm T Wright
Octavia M Wright

Virginia Franklin County to wit

We Fletcher T Wray and John W Price Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and state of Virginia do certify that Octavia M Wright wife of William T Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date on the 13" day of March 1876 this day personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Octavia M Wright acknowledged the said deed to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 13" day of March 1876

Fletcher T Wray JP
John W Price JP

Franklin County Court 3d April 1876.

A deed from William T Wright and Octavia M Wright his wife to Jacob W Webb dated 13" March 1876 was this day acknowledged in Court by said William T Wright and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jas J Carper CFC"

On January 27, 1877, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 32/290, William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright sold 76 acres of land to Robert H. Payne:

"This Indenture made this 27" day of January 1877 between William T Wright and Octavia M Wright his wife of the one part and Robert H Payne of the other part all of the County of Franklin in the state of Virginia witnesseth That William T Wright and Octavia M his wife for and in consideration of the sum of six Hundred Dollars to them in hand paid receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do grant bargain and sell with general warranty to Robert H Payne a certain parcel or tract

of land lying and being in the County Of Franklin on the waters of Staunton River containing seventy six and one quarter acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit Beginning on pointers in John Beards line N 45 W 152 poles to a white oak N 61 E 29 poles to a white oak N 50 E 9 poles to a white oak East 128 poles to a white oak S 53 E 26 poles to a Dogwood S 2 W 94 poles to a red oak S 80 W 80 poles to the Beginning. Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm T Wright
Octavia M Wright

Franklin County to wit

I F T Wray a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid do certify that William T Wright whos name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 27" day of January 1877 acknowledge the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 27" day of January 1877

F T Wray J.P.

Franklin County to wit

I Fletcher T Wray and John W Price do certify that Octavia M Wright the wife of William T Wright whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 27" day of January 1877 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us priviliy and apart from her husband and having the aforesaid writing fully explained to her she the said Octavia M Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and dos not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 24" day of February 1877

Fletcher T Wray J.P.
John W Price J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 5 day of March 1877

This deed from William T Wright and Octavia M Wright his wife to Robert H Payne was exhibited in said Office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper C.F.C."

On June 3, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 34/148 William T. Wright purchased 176 acres of land from the executors of Moses G. Booth:

"This Deed made and entered into this 3rd day of June in the year 1880 between John B Saunders as Executor of Moses G Booth acting under an order of the Circuit Court of Franklin County made on the 30th day of October 1879 in the chancery cause of Moses G Booth executor vs William T Wright of the one part and the said William T Wright of the Other part Witnesseth that the said John B Saunders as Executor as aforesaid in obedience to the order aforesaid and in consideration of the sum of one dollar doth as Executor as aforesaid grant unto the said William T Wright with Special Warranty and doth on behalf of the heirs at law of the said Booth grant unto the said William T Wright with general warranty all of a certain tract or parcel of land lying in said County and described in the proceeding of the suit aforesaid as the Nancy "Booth tract" adjoining the lands of the said Wright and containing about one hundred Seventy six (176) acres, To have and to hold the same to him the said William T Wright his heirs and assigns forever, Witness the following signature and seal

Jno B Saunders Exer of
M G Booth Decd

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 3rd day of June 1880

This Deed from John B Saunders Executor of M G Booth Deceased to William T Wright was acknowledged before me in my said Office by the said John B Saunders, and in the said Office the 3rd day of November 1880 this said deed was admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper C.F.C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William T. Wright with the following household on June 24, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
William T. Wright	W	M	39		
Octavia M. Wright	W	F	38		Wife
John H R. Wright	W	M	14		Son
Ida M. Wright	W	F	12		Daughter
William P. Wright	W	M	9		Son
James C. Wright	W	M	5		Son
Rosco Wright	W	M	3		Son
no name Wright	W		5/12		Son
John Hatcher	B	M	19		Boarder

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping House		
S		Laborer		
S		At Home		
S				
S				
S				
S		dec. son		
S		Laborer	1	

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
	1	1	Virginia	Va	Va

This record indicates that William T. Wright was born in about 1841 and that Octavia M. (Hanabass) Wright was born in about 1842.

On March 29, 1881, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 34/306 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright sold 7 acres of land to Sarah J. Meader:

> "This Deed made this the 29th day of March 1881 between William T Wright and Octavia M his wife of the one part and Sarah J Meader of the other part Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Forty seven dollars the said William T Wright and Octavia M his wife do grant and convey with general warranty a certain parcel or tract of land lying and being in the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of Robert Payne and others, containing seven acres two Roods and two Poles and bounded as follows: Beginning at pointers thence with Simmons line N 44 W 33.50 po to a dogwood stump in a branch thence with Payne's line N 27 E 24

poles to pointer N 17 E 57 poles to the beginning, to have and to hold to her the said Sarah J Meader forever, Witness the following signatures and seals day and date above written.

Wm T Wright
O M Wright

State of Virginia Franklin County to wit

We B N Hatcher and F T Wray Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that William T Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 29th day of March 1881 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and at the same time and place Octavia M Wife of William T Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 29th day of March 1881 also personally appeared before us and after having the writing fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and deed that she had done it willingly and did not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 29th day of March 1881

B N Hatcher JP
F T Wray J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 4th day of April 1881

This Deed from William T Wright and Octavia M Wright his wife to Sarah J Meader was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper C.F.C."

On May 20, 1882, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/127 William T. Wright purchased 81 acres of land from the estate of Henry G. Hopkins:

"This deed made this 20th day of May 1882 between G. E Dennis a commissioner acting under a decree of the Circuit Court of Franklin County pronounced on the 12th day of May 1882 in the chancery cause of Joseph Ridgway's Admr & Isaac L James & others vs Henry G. Hopkins and Henry W Hopkins of the one part and William T. Wright of the other part - Witnesseth that the said G E Dennis, Commissioner as aforesaid in obedience to the decree aforesaid and in consideration of the sum of five dollars in hand paid doth grant unto the said William T. Wright the tract of 81 acres of land in the proceedings of said suit mentioned which was sold under decree of said court in the suit aforesaid by Wm T. Taliaferro Comr and purchased by said Wright which

belonged to the aforesaid Henry G. Hopkins adjoining the lands of John H. Hannabass Henry S. Wright, Moses G. Booth now decd. and others. And the said G. E. Dennis Commissioner as aforesaid covenants that he will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signature and seal

G. E. Dennis Comr

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 20th day of May 1882

This deed from G. E. Dennis (a commissioner) to William T. Wright was acknowledged before me in my said office by the said G. E Dennis and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J. Carper C.F.C."

On January 4, 1884, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.B. 84/152 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright with other heirs of Moone Lumpkins sold their interest in the dower tract of land:

"Whereas Moon Lumpkins died seized and possessed of a Tract of Land, lying and being in the County of Pittsylvania on or near Staunton River and whereas the said Tract of Land was allotted to the Widow of the said Moone Lumpkins and to his children of whom Robert Lumpkins of Bedford County was one and whereas the said Robert Lumpkins subsequently died leaving seven children of whom Martha who intermarried with Henry Hunnabus was one, and whereas the said Martha Hunnabus after the death of her father Robert Lumpkin, died leaving six children who are desirous of selling their interest in the Dower of the widow of the late Moone Lumpkins, Now therefore this Deed made this the 4th day of January 1884, between James Hunnabuss, John R Hunnabus, and Ella T Hunnabus his wife Daniel P Comer and Virginia V. his wife William T Coppedge and Martha T his wife William T Wright and Octavia M his wife and Cora L Hunnabuss of the first part and Polk Lumpkins of the second part Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty five Dollars, the said James Hunnabuss John R Hunnabus and Ella T his wife D. P. Carner and Virginia V his wife, William T Coppidge and Martha T his wife William T Wright and Octavia M his wife and Cora L Hunnabuss do sell grant and convey with general warranty all their right title and interest in the tract of land allotted as dower to the widow of the late Moon Lumpkins to the said Polk Lumpkins to have and to hold unto him

the said Polk Lumpkins forever. Witness the following Signatures and Seals this the day and date first above written

James Hunnabuss
John R Hunnabus
Ella T Hunnabus
D P Carner
V V Carner
W T Coppedge
M T Coppedge
Wm T Wright
C M Wright
C L Hunnabus

State of Virginia)
Franklin County) To wit:

I B N Hatcher a Notary Public for the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia do certify that James Hunnabuss, John R Hunnabuss, __ Carner & C L Hunnabuss whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 4th day of January 1884, personally came before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and I do farther certify that Ella T. Hunnabuss __ Carner, M T Coppidge and C M Wright __ of John R Hunnabuss, D. P. Carner, William T Coppidge and William T. Wright respectively whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 4th day of January 1884, personally came before me in my County aforesaid and after being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing fully explained to them, acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, that they had done it willingly without compulsion upon the part of their husbands and did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this the 5th day of January.

B N. Hatcher N.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Franklin) To wit:

I R P Wright a Justice of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that William T. Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 4th day of January 1884, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand __ 16th day of January 1884.

R. P. Wright J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) To wit:

I R. B. Owen a Notary Public for the County of Bedford do certify that W. T. Coppidge whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date 4 January 1884, personally came before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed. Given under my hand & seal this 14th January 1884

R. B Owen N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pittsylvania County on the 21st day of April 1884. The foregoing Deed was admitted to record upon the certificate of its acknowledgment thereto annexed.

Teste
W. B. Shepherd Clerk"

On January 31, 1884, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/387 William T. Wright purchased 142 acres of land from Henry S. and Sally E. Wright:

"This deed made this 31st day of January 1884 between Henry S. Wright & Sally E. Wright his wife of the County of Delta State of Texas of the one part & William T. Wright of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & the sum of four hundred Dollars in hand paid the recpt. of whitch is hereby acknowledged we the said Henry S. Wright & Sally E. his wife have this day granted bargained & sold unto the said William T. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia on the south side of panthers knob mountain adjoining the land of Bozwell Ridgeway & others & bound as follows Begining at a corner white oak in R. P Wrights line thence S 50 W 23 poles to a red oak thence a new line N 21-1/2 W. 210 poles up the mountain to a chestnut tree on the north side in Joseph Ridgeways line, with it S. 86-1/2 E 160 poles to where formerly stood a corner hickory inside said Ridgeways fence thence with the aforesaid Wrights line S. 11-1/2 E 160 poles crossing two branches to a red oak N. 82 W. 68 poles to a white oak S. 54 W. 34 poles to the begining containing 142 acres more or less; to have & to hold with general warranty hereby defending the right & title of said land against the claim of ourselves & all other persons, it being the same land conveyed to the said Henry S. Wright by Ambrose C. Rucker & Sarah J. Rucker his wife. Witness the following signatures & seals

Henry S. Wright
Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas)
County of Delta)

Before me, S M Grant J.P. and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said County of Delta on this day personally appeared Henry S Wright, and Sallie E. Wright his wife well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above foregoing instrument of writing and acknowledged that they executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Sallie E Wright wife of said Henry S Wright whose proper names appears to said foregoing instrument & being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E Wright acknowledged to me that she had voluntarily signed and executed the same of her own free will and accord, without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband and that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of February A.D 1884.

S. M. Grant J.P. and Ex officio
Notary Public in and for said
County of Delta Texas

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 7th day of July 1884.

This Deed from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. his wife, to William T. Wright, was exhibited in said office and admitted to record."

On January 12, 1885, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 37/51 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright executed a deed of trust to secure a debt due to John H. Hannabas:

"This Deed made this 12 day of January 1885 between William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright his wife of the first part and Charles L. Powell trustee of the other part all of the County of Franklin Va. Witnesseth that whereas John H. Hannabas has recovered a judgment against said Wright and is proceeding to lease or sell the lands of said Wright by proceedings in a chancery suit in Franklin Co. which judgment on the 23 July 1884 amounted to six hundred and fifty six and 08/100 dollars including $7.35 the costs of the proceedings at law and whereas the said Wright desires to hope indulgence granted him as to time, the parties of the first part doth hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said C. S. Powell as trustee, with general warranty the following tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Franklin, as follows to wit, one hundred and eighty one acres bought by Wright of George W. Hopkins, 81 acres bought of Henry Hopkins, 77 acres more or less bought of R. P. Wright, 172 acres formerly belonging to Moses H Booth and 142 acres bought of Henry S. Wright, to all of which lands said W. T. Wright has legal conveyances in fee simple.

And it is hereby covenanted and agreed between the parties that in the event said W. T. Wright shall within 10 months from the execution of this deed, fully pay off the aforesaid judgment & all costs of legal proceedings, & the accrued interest on said debt then this deed to become null and void, but in case said Wright shall make default in the payment of said judgment, interest & costs or any part thereon at the expiration of ten months from this day, that said Powell as trustee shall advertise each & all of said tracts of land for sale, and at the appointed time and place, proceed to sell at public auction said land for cash, or a sufficiency thereof to pay the judgment, interest and costs, and after deducting a commission of five per cent for his commission, he shall pay off and discharge the full amount of said judgment, interest, and costs and the balance if any he shall pay only to said W. T. Wright.

And it is hereby expressly stipulated that the acceptance of this deed of trust is in no way to empair the judgment lien of said Hannabas, & the legal proceedings instituted by him to enforce the same. Witness the following signatures & seals

Wm T. Wright
O. M. Wright

Virginia Franklin County to wit

We Samuel H Board and Henry C Ridgeway justices of the Peace for Franklin County Virginia do certify the W. T. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 12 January 1885, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and we further certify that Octavia M. Wright wife of the said Wm T. Wright whose name is also signed to said writing bearing date (date) as aforesaid, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid at the time aforesaid and being by us privily examined separately and apart from her husband, the said W. T. Wright, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Octavia M Wright, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands this 16 day of ____ 1885.

Saml H. Board J.P.
H. C. Ridgeway J.P.

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court, the 17th day of January, 1885, this deed of trust from Wm T. Wright and Octavia M. his wife to Charles L. Powell, Trustee was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste: Jas. J. Carper, Clk."

On December 7, 1885, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 37/390 William T. Wright executed a deed of trust to secure a debt due to M. M. Wright and C. A. Wright:

"This deed made this 7th day of December 1885 between William T. of the one part and Owen H. Price Trustee of the other part all of the County of Franklin Virginia, Witnesseth that whereas said William T. Wright is Justly indebted to M. M Wright & C. A. Wright in the sum of two hundred & seventy dollars & 70/100 with interest from 7th day of December 1885 on two hundred & thirty nine dollars & 49/100 apart thereof and being desirous of securing same doth hereby grant & convey with general warranty unto said Owen H Price the following lands 81 acres of land lying in Franklin County adjoining Jno H. Hannabass & William T. Wright being same land bought of Henry G. Hopkins 77 acres adjoining the above described tract on the north & west and given to said Wm T. Wright by his father Robert P. Wright 142 acres lying in Franklin County bought of Moses G. Booth Decd. and adjoining the land of Henry G. Hopkins M. Y. Booth and others in trust to secure the payment of the above debt Now if the said William T. Wright shall well & truly pay off and discharge the above debt and interest on or before the 7th day of December 1886 then the obligation to be void but in the event of his failure to pay said debt & interest by the above mentioned time then said trustee shall advertise the above described land for ten days and sell the same for cash and after deducting his commissions of 5 per cent on his sale pay off the debt & interest aforesaid to the said M. M. Wright & C. A. Wright & the balance if any pay over to the said William T. Wright but no commissions are to be charged on the amount herein secured unless there shall be a sale of the said lands or a sufficiency thereof to pay said debt. Witness the following Signature and seal

Wm T. Wright.

In Franklin County Court 9th December 1885

A deed of trust from William T. Wright to Owen H. Price trustee bearing date on the 7th day of December 1885 was this day acknowledged in Court by the said William G. Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jas J Carper Clk"

On June 29, 1888, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 39/446 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright sold a tract of land to Baswell Ridgeway:

"This deed made this 29th day of June 1888, between William T. Wright & Octavia M Wright his wife of the one part & Baswell Ridgeway of the other part all of the County of Franklin & state of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration

of the sum of one hundred & thirty two dollars in hand paid, We the said William T. Wright & Octavia M. Wright has this day bargained & sold unto said Baswell Ridgeway with general warranty, a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in Franklin County & state of Virginia, on the Waters of Lynville Creek & Panthers Knob Mountain & bounded as follows, beginning at A a large Chestnut tree on the side of a path in said Ridgeway's line & with it N 9 1/4 W 65 po to B where formerly stood a hickory, thence N 84 W 160 po to pointers formerly a chestnut tree on the north side of the mountain, thence off a new line, see dotted line S 66 1/4 E 188 po to the beginning containing 33 acres, more or less, to have and to hold free from the claim of ourselves & all other persons. Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm T. Wright
Octavia M. Wright

State of Virginia, County of Franklin to wit:

I, R. P. Wright, a Justice for the County aforesaid, do certify that William T. Wright whose name are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 29th day of June 1888, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 2nd day of July 1888.

R. P. Wright J.P.

State of Virginia, County of Franklin to wit:

We, R. P. Wright & Thomas Richardson, Justices for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Octavia M. Wright, wife of William T. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 29th day of June 1888, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, & being examined by us privily & apart from her husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Octavia M. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & deed & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 30th day of June 1888.

R. P. Wright J.P.
Thomas Richardson J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 1st day of July 1889.

This deed from William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright his wife to Baswell Ridgeway was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
J. J. Carper Clerk"

On September 3, 1891, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 41/544 William T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright executed a deed of trust to Jno. P. Lee to secure a debt due to James Hannabass:

"This deed made this 3d day of September in the year 1891 between W. T. Wright and Octavia M. Wright his wife of the first part and Jno. P Lee Trustee of the second part witnesseth that the said parties of the first part do hereby grant and convey with general warranty unto the said party of the second part the following described real estate situate in the County of Franklin State of Virginia to wit: A certain tract of land known as the G W. Hopkins tract lying on the headwaters of Lynville creek adjoining the lands of Bozwell Ridgway, Thomas Trueman and the other lands of W. T. Wright and containing 181 acres more or less: a certain other tract of land known as the Boothe land also lying on the headwaters of Lynville Creek and adjoining the first tract of land herein conveyed and containing 176 acres more or less. In trust to secure the payment of three bonds hereinafter named and described executed by the said party of the first part to James Hannabass executor of Henry Hannabass deceased to secure the payment of the deferred payments on the purchase price of the following tract of land bought by the said party of the first part from the said executor to wit: the home tract of the said Henry Hannabass Decd. containing 225-1/2 acres according to a recent survey made by Wm. H. Hutchinson one half an acre of the same being reserved for a grave yard. Said bonds each being executed for the sum of nine hundred dollars with interest from date and payable to the said James Hannabass executor of Henry Hannabass Decd. one two and three years after date respectively and dated on the 3d day of September 1891. In the execution of the trusts of this deed the said trustee shall be governed by the laws of the State of Virginia in such case made and provided Witness the following signatures and seals.

Wm. T. Wright

Virginia.

In Franklin County Court Clerk's Office the 21" day of September 1891. This deed of trust from William T. Wright to John P. Lee trustee bearing date on the

3d day of September 1891 was this day acknowledged before me in my said office by the said William T Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas. J Carper Clk"

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William T. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities Street	House Number	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
		91	91	William T Wright Octava M Wright James C. Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed or divorced
Head	W	M	July	1840	60	M
Wife	W	F	Sept	1842	57	M
Son	W	M	March	1875	25	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
38			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
38	8	6	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Natural-ization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	
			Farm laborer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	77
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

The 1910 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed William L. (T.?) Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Status
William L. (T.?) Wright	70	Married 47 years
Octavia M. Wright	69	Married 47 years, 8 children, 6 living
James C. Wright	35	Son
Oat Clark	22	Boarder

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that the tombstones of William T. Wright and Octavia M. (Hannabass) Wright are located at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, and list the following information:

"William T. Wright
Born July 24, 1840
Died March 13, 1928"

"Octavia M. Wright
Born Sep 9, 1842
Died Jun 20, 1924"

Mrs. Matthews also stated that the following four other Wrights are buried in the same cemetery plot:

"William Penn Wright	Born June 23, 1869
	Died January 13, 1946
James C. Wright	Born March 2, 1875
	Died September 23, 1958
Rosco J. Wright	Born October 2, 1877
	Died October 7, 1949
Walter M. Wright	Born December 23, 1879
	Died December 25, 1935"

These four persons are believed by some members of the family to be sons of William Thomas Wright and Octavia M. (Hannabass) Wright.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 283653 for Bessie Coppedge dated September 1, 1939, which stated that William Thomas Wright was a son of Robert P. Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on July 24, 1840, married Octavia Hannabass on December 23, 1862, and died on March 13, 1928, that Octavia (Hannabass) Wright was born on September 9, 1842, and died on June 20, 1924, and that William Thomas Wright and Octavia (Hannabass) Wright had the following child:

1) Florene Eolian (Wright) Coppedge, born on October 26, 1863.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that William T. Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on July 24, 1840, at Franklin County, Virginia, married Octavia M. Hannabass on December 23, 1862, died on March 13, 1928, and was buried at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, that Octavia M. (Hannabass) Wright was born on September 9, 1842, died on June 20, 1924, and was buried at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that William T. Wright and Octavia M. (Hannabass) Wright had the following children:

1) John H. Wright, born in 1866 at Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Ida M. Wright, born in 1868 at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) William Penn Wright, born on June 23, 1869, at Franklin County, Virginia,

4) James C. Wright, born on March 2, 1875, at Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Rosco J. Wright, born on October 2, 1877, at Franklin County, Virginia, and

6) Walter M. Wright, born on December 23, 1879, at Franklin County, Virginia.

ii. Susannah R. Wright

Susannah R. Wright was a daughter of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah R. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

The death record of Susannah Wright was dated on October 5, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	22
Name of Deceased:	Susannah Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Age:	14 Years, 5 Months, and 6 Days
Date of Death:	October 5, 1856
Place:	Franklin
Cause of Death:	Consumption
Name of Parents:	Robert and Rhoda Wright
Birthplace of Deceased:	Not Stated
Occupation:	Not Stated
Consort of:	Not Stated
Name of Informant:	Robert Wright
Relation of Informant:	Not Stated
Commissioner of the Revenue:	Not Stated
Date Record Filed:	Between 1856 and 1896"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Susannah Wright was a daughter of Robert Pasley Wright and

Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born in 1842 at Franklin County, Virginia, and died of consuption on October 5, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia.

iii. 1864 John R. Wright Of Franklin County

John R. Wright was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed John R. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed John R. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 16 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that John R. Wright enlisted as a private in Company D of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on July 23, 1861, at Camp Hicks, was born about 1844, was a farmhand, age 16, at Coopers Post Office, Franklin County, in the 1860 Census, was present until discharged for "Phthisis Pulmanalis" on April 23, 1862, and was a brother of William T. Wright.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that John R. Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on April 4, 1845, at Franklin County, Virginia, an ddied on January 13, 1864, at Franklin County, Virginia.

iv. Mildred A. Wright

Mildred A. Wright was a daughter of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mildred A. Wright was a daughter of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on March 15, 1846, at Franklin County, Virginia, and died on May 8, 1846, at Franklin County, Virginia.

v. 1933 Laurence Monroe Wright Of Franklin County, His Wife Nancy Jane (Prather) Wright, And His Descendants

1933 Laurence Monroe Wright of Franklin County was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Laurence M. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Larance M. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

Franklin County, Virginia - A History stated that Lawrence M. Wright was private in Troop A, 37th Virginia Cavalry in the Civil War.

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Lawrence Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 22 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848, and his occupation as farm laborer.

The marriage record of Lawrence Wright and Nancy J. Prather was dated on May 4, 1871, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Franklin County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia Laurence M Wright and Nancy J Prather

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Franklin this 2d day of May 1871

Jas J. Carper Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, May 4, 1871
Place of Marriage, Franklin Coounty
Full Names of Parties Married, Lawrence M. Wright and Nancy J. Prather
Age of Husband, 23 years
Age of Wife, 21 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co
Place of Wife's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Robert P. and Rhoda Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, John & Catharine Prather
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 2d day of May 1871

Jas J. Carper Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, that on the 4 day of May 1871 at John Praters Franklin Co Va I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Pleasant Brown"

The birth record of Della R. Wright, daughter of Laurence M. and Nancy J. Wright, was dated on July 4, 1872, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Della R Wright
Date of Birth:	July 4, 1872
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Laurence M. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Nancy J Wright
How many:	1

Informant: Laurence M Wright
Relation: Father"

On September 5, 1873, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 30/511 Lawrence M. Wright purchased 128 acres of land from Tazewell and Mary Meador:

"This deed made this 5th day of September 1873 between Tazewell Meador and Mary his wife of the one part and Laurence M Wright of the second part all of the County of Franklin. Witnesseth that the said Tazewell Meador and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain sell and convey unto the said Laurence M Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Franklin County on the waters of Linnville containing 128 acres more or less, being the same land assigned to Mary Wood in the partition of the lands of Stephen Wood decd. and bounded as follows. Beginning at a Spanish Oak on a road in John Simmons line, thence N 13 W 79 poles to pointers thence with the dower line N 50 E 36 poles to pointers round a spring N 5 W 68 poles to a white Oak N 54 E 30 poles to a white oak N 11 E 58 poles to a small pine N 42 E 50 poles crossing Linnville to a white Oak in Dudley Paynes line S 41 E 28 poles to a white Oak due East 79 poles to a post Oak (now dead) in Kaseys line S 6 E 38 poles to pointers thence a new line S 44 W 182 poles crossing Linnville to a pine and thence S 28 W 98 poles to the beginning. Witness the following signatures & seals.

Tazewell Meador
Mary J Meador

Franklin County to wit.

We J. H. Wilson and Seth E. McGuire Justices of said County do certify that Tazewell Meador whose name is signed to the within deed bearing date as of the 5st day of September 1873, personally appeared & acknowledged the same - and we further certify that Mary J wife of said Tazewell Meador whose name is likewise signed to the within deed also appeared and being examined by us seperate and apart from her husband, and having the said deed fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and that she had willingly executed the same. Given under our hands this 13th September 1873.

J H Wilson J.P.
Seth E McGuire J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 1st day of December 1873.

This deed from Tazewell Meador and Mary J Meador his wife to Laurence M Wright was exhibited in the said office and together with the certificates endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carper C.F.C."

On September 13, 1873, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 30/615 Laurence M. Wright and Jane Wright sold 77 acres of land to Henry S. Wright and Sally Wright:

"This deed made this 13" day of September 1873 between Laurence M Wright, Jane Wright his wife of the one part & Henry S Wright & Sallie his wife of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia. Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & the further consideration of the sum of Eight hundred dollars in hand paid the receipt of whitch is hereby acknowledged, the said Laurence M Wright & Jane his wife do hereby grant unto the said Henry S Wright & Sally his wife with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Franklin on the waters of Lynville creek adjoining the lands of Joseph Ridgway Sparrel Beard & others containing seventy seven acres 118 poles more or less & bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers on an old path a corner in Sparrel Beards line S 27 1/2 W 67 poles to pointers at a red oak stump N 48 W 73 poles to pointers N 59 W 60 poles to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2 W 40 1/2 poles crossing a branch to a red oak N 68 1/2 E 47 poles to a poplar on the south side of Little cove branch S 57 E 55 poles to pointers where formerly stood a post oak corner in Sparrel Beards line S 49 E 94 poles crossing aforesaid branch to pointers the beginning. Also another tract or parcel of land adjoining the same containing Five acres 151 poles more or less & bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers S 44 W 13 1/2 poles to a ridge road thence as the road meanders S 85 W 8 po N 59 W 13 po N 34 W to where Ambrose Ruckers line crossing said road thence S 88 E 9 poles to pointers round a red oak stump formerly a red oak oak corner S 59 E 60 poles to the beginning, the price is in Eight hundred Dollars. Witness the following signatures & seals.

L M Wright
N J Wright

Franklin County to wit

We, J H Wilson and Seth E McGuire Justices of said County do certify that Laurence M Wright whose name is signed to the within deed bearing date as of the 15 September 1873 appeared and acknowledged the same, and we further

certify that Jane his wife whose name is likewise signed to the above deed dated as above written also appeared and having the same fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and that she had willingly executed it. Given under our hands this 13" day of September 1873.

J H Wilson JP
Seth E McGuire J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 2nd day of March 1874.

This deed from Laurence M Wright and N J Wright his wife to Henry S Wright and Sally Wright his wife was exhibited in the said Office and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carper C.F.L."

The birth record of S. B. Wright, daughter of L. M. and N. J. Wright, was dated on March 25, 1878, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	S B Wright
Date of Birth:	March 25, 1878
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	L M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	N J Wright
How many:	1"

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Lawrence M. Wright with the following household on June 3 or 4, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Laurence M. Wright	W	M	32		
Nancy J. Wright	W	F	33		Wife
Dellah R. Wright	W	F	7		Daughter
Susanna B. Wright	W	F	2		Daughter
John R Amrose	W	M	12		Servant
Louisa Burwell	W	F	17		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		At home		
S				
S		Farm Hand		
S		Domestic Work		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
1			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
1		1	Va	Va	Va
	1	1	Va	Va	Va

On December 6, 1889, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 40/180 Laurence M. Wright purchased 11 acres of land from Marcha A. Kasey, L. S. Kasey, and Maggie L. Kasey:

> "This deed made this 6th day of December, 1889 between Martha A Kasey, L. S. Kasey & Maggie L. Kasey of the one part and L. M. Wright of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars paid in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Martha A. Kasey L. S. Kasey & Maggie L. Kasey do grant unto the said L. M. Wright and his heirs forever, with general warranty, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Franklin Co. Va. on the waters of Lynville Creek on the south side of the public road leading from Lynville Mills to Hardy's ford containing eleven and one-quarter acres and nineteen poles and bounded as follows Beginning at a stake in Lawrence Wrights land, where W. P. Jeter's land (formerly Jubal Earlys) corners thence with Jeter's line North 23 3/4º E 15 po. to a white oak stump on on the south margin of the Lynville Mills & Hardys ford road, thence with the said road as it meanders N 80 1/2º E 39 po. 16 links to a pine a corner to Sparkes land thence as the road meanders with Sparks line S 57º E 18 po S 14 E 8 po. S 10º W 33 1/2 po to a white oak Corner to Sol. E McGuires land thence leaving

the road and running with the said McGuire's line S 70º W 23 1/2 po to pointers thence with Lawrence Wright's line W 5 1/2º W 30 po to a white oak & thence due west 30 po crossing a small branch to the beginning Witness the following signature and seals

Martha A Kasey
Laury S. Kasey
Maggie L. Kasey

State of Virginia
County of Franklin to wit

I R P Wright a Justice of the peace for the County & state aforesaid do certify that Martha A Kasey whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 6th day of December, 1889 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1889.

R. P Wright J.P.

State of Virginia
County of Franklin to wit

I R. P. Wright a Justice of the peace for the County & state aforesaid do certify that Lowry S. Kasey & Maggie L. Kasey whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 6th day of December 1889 have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 30th day of January 1890

R. P. Wright J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 22d day of February 1890

This deed from Martha A Kasey, Laury L. Kasey and Maggie L. Kasey to L. M. Wright was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper clk"

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 44/428 Lawrence M. Wright, as trustee, and Rhoda Wright sold a parcel of land to Nancy L. Hopkins, subject to a reserved life estate for Rhoda Wright:

"This Deed made this the 16" day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright Trustee of the first part and Nancy L. Hopkins formerly Nancy L Wright of the second part, Witness, That for and in consideration of one dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the partis of the first part have sold and do hereby convey the said Rhoda Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin County on Lynnville Creek & bounded as follows. Begining at a white oak in Nickols line N 8-3/4 W 40 po to a post oak, thence with C. A Wrights line N 70 W 120 po to an Apple tree N 86 W 59 po to road at Cherry tree and with road S 50 W 45 po S 30 W 8 po to a gum N 32 W 60 po to W. T. Wrights line and with it S 39 W 28 poles to pointers on a branch S 23-1/4 E 96 po to where stood a Poplar thence with old marked line N 71-1/2 E 27-3/4 po N 77 E 7 po N 87-1/2 E 7 po N 66 E 30 po N 73-1/2 E 23 po N 64-1/2 E 6 po N 83 E 11 po N 83 E 62 po N 88-1/2 E 40 po S 77-1/2 E 15 po to begining. But it is expressly understood & agreed that that the said Rhoda Wright returns a life interest in above described tract of land, and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession & controll of same untill after the death of the said Rhoda Wright. Witness the following signatures & seals this the day and year above written

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia)
Franklin County) To wit:

I John S Hale a Justice of Peace for Franklin County State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright whose names are signed to above deed bearing date the 16th day of March 1893 this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this the 6" day of March 1893

John S Hale J.P.

Virginia In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 15th day September 1894. This Deed was this day received in said Office and upon the certificate of acknowledgment admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper Clerk"

The death record of Nancy J. Wright was dated on October 12, 1894, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	33
Name of Deceased:	Nancy J. Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Age:	48
Date of Death:	October 12, 1894
Place:	Franklin County, Virginia
Cause of Death:	Paralysis
Name of Parents:	John and C. Prather
Birthplace of Deceased:	Franklin
Occupation:	Keeping House
Consort of:	L. M. Wright
Name of Informant:	L. M. Wright
Relation of Informant:	Head of Family
Commissioner of the Revenue:	W. S. Arrington
Date Record Filed:	Between 1894 and 1896"

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Lawrence Wright with the following household:

Location		Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1,1900, was in this family.
In Cities				
Street	House Number			
		148	152	Laurence Wright Della R. Wright Eugene E Wright Guthrie Webb

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Date of Birth Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Aug	1847	52	Wd
Daughter	W	F	July	1872	27	D
Son	W	M	Apr	1885	15	S
Gson	W	M	Feb	1894	6	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
	1	1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immi-gration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Natural-ization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	
			Farm Laborer	0	5

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes		F	F	117
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that Lawrence Wright's birth was in August 1847.

Franklin County, Virginia - A History stated that on September 15, 1910, Lawrence M. Wright resided at Taylor's Store.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lawrence Monrow Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born in 1848 at Franklin County, Virginia, married Nancy Jane Prather on May 4, 1871, and died in 1933 at Franklin County, Virginia, that Nancy Jane (Prather) Wright was born in 1846, and that Lawrence Monrow Wright and Nancy Jane (Prather) Wright had the following children:

1) Della R. Wright, born in 1873 at Franklin County, Virgina,
2) Susanna Boyd Wright, born in 1878 at Franklin County, Virginia,
3) Flossie Jane Wright, born after 1880 at Franklin County, Virginia, and
4) Eugene E. Wright, born after 1880 at Franklin County, Virginia.

vi. Henry Smith Wright And His Wife Sarah "Sally" Elizabeth (Ridgeway) Wright

Henry Smith Wright was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed ____ Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849 or 1850.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Henry S. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Henry Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 20 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850, and his occupation as farm laborer.

On December 3, 1870, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 29/271 Lawrence M. Wright, as trustee, and Rhoda Wright sold to Henry S. Wright 76 acres of land:

> "This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright, wife of Robert P. Wright, and the said Rhoda Wright of

the one part and Henry S. Wright of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & state of Virginia, Witnesseth whereas by a deed dated, the 10" day of May 1867, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Franklin County, Robert P. Wright did convey to the said Lawrence M. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin County on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John Beard & others and containing 574 acres and 39 poles more or less in trust for the sale and seperate use of the said Rhoda Wright & her children with certain limitations and conditions thereto annexed and whereas by said deed, the said Lawrence M. Wright is authorized and empowered by and with the consent of the said Rhoda Wright evidenced by writing under her hand and seal to convey the whole or any part of the said land embrased in the said deed, and the said Rhoda Wright wishing to convey a portion of the said land to the said Henry S. Wright. Therefore this deed Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of one dollar to the said Laurence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, and the said Rhoda Wright in hand paid, the said Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright do hereby grant unto the said Henry S. Wright with general warranty seventy six acres and 98 poles more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at a white oak corner in M. G Booth's line at the foot of the mountain N 54, E 34 po to a white oak S. 82 E 68 po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 59 E 60 po to pointer, S. 44 W 133 po to pointers on a road, N 42, W. 31 po to the North bank of Lynville Creek N 24, W 124 po to the beginning, being a part of the same land conveyed as aforesaid by the said Robert P. Wright to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid. Witness the following signatures & seals,

Lawrence M. Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to wit

I John W. Price a justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginina do certify that Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date December 3rd 1870, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid, Given under hand this 3rd day of December 1870.

John W. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870

This deed from Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright and the said Rhoda Wright to Henry S. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together

with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record, (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Henry S. Wright of the one part and Lawrence M. Wright, all of the County of Franklin Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of the sum of Forty nine dollars & forty three cents in hand paid to the said Henry S. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Henry S. Wright doth grant unto unto the said Lawrence M. Wright with special warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Linville Creek adjoining the land of Wm. S. Wright & others containing 5 acres 151 poles more or less and bounded as follows, begining at pointers S 44 W 13 1/3 po, to ridge road thence as the road meanders S 85 W 8 po. N 59 W 15 po N 34, W to where Ambrose Rucker's line crosses said road thence S 88 E 9 po to pointers round a red oak stump formerly a red oak corner S 59 E 60 po. to the beginning. Witness the following signature & seal.

Henry S. Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I John W. Price a Justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Henry S. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date December 3d 1870, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1870.

John W. Price J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This Deed from Henry S. Wright to Lawrence M. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law.

Teste -
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Lawrence M. Wright trustee for Rhoda Wright wife of Robert P. Wright and the said Rhoda Wright of the one part, & Henry S. Wright of the other part all of the county of Franklin and state of Virginia, Witnesseth whereas by a deed dated the 10th day of May 1867,

and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Franklin County Robert P. Wright did convey to the said Lawrence M. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Franklin County, on the waters of Lynville creak adjoining the lands of John Beard & others and containing 54 acres and 39 poles more or less in trust for the sale and seperate use of the said Rhoda Wright and her children with certain limitations and conditions thereto annexed and whereas by said deed the said Lawrence M. Wright is authorized and empowered by and with the concent of the said Rhoda Wright evidenced by writing under her hand and seal to convey the whole or any part of the said lands embrased in the said deed and the said Rhoda Wright wishing to convey a portion of the said lands to the said Henry S. Wright, therefore this deed witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of one dollar to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, and the said Rhoda Wright in hand paid, the said Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright, do hereby grant unto the said Henry S. Wright with general warranty seventy seven acres and 118 poles more or less and bounded as follows, begining at pointers on an old pathe a corner in John Beards line S 27 1/2, W 67 po. to a red oak stump N. 48, W 73 po to pointers No 59 W 60 po to pointers whare formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2, W 40 1/2 po crosing a branch to a red oak, N 68 1/2, E 47 po to a poplar on the South side of little cave branch, S 57 E. 55 po to pointers in John Beards line whare formerly stood a post oak, S 49 E 94 po, crosing the foresaid branch to pointers the, bgining, being a part of the same lands conveyed as aforesaid, by the said Robert P. Wright to the said Lawrence M. Wright trustee as aforesaid, Witness the following signatures & seals,

Lawrence M. Wright
Rhoda Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I John W. Price a justice in and for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Lawrence M. Wright and Rhoda Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date December 3d 1870, has acknowledged the same before me, in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3d day of December 1870.

John M. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This deed from Lawrence M. Wright, trustee for Rhoda Wright, the wife of Robert P. Wright and the said Rhoda Wright to Henry S. Wright was exhibited in

the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C.

This deed made this 3d day of December 1870, between Henry S. Wright of the one part, & Lawrence M. Wright of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & state of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said Henry S. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Henry S. Wright do hereby grant unto the said Lawrence M. Wright with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Franklin on the waters of Lynville creek adjoining the lands of John Beard and others containing seventy seven acres & 118 poles more or less and bounded as follows, Bginning at pointers on an old pathe a corner in John Beards line, S 27 1/2, W 67 po to pointers at a red oak stump, N 48 W 73 po to pointers, N 59, W 60 po. to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2, W 40 1/2 po crossing a branch to a red oak, N 68 1/2 E 47 po to a poplar on the south side of Little cove branch S 57 E 55 ps. to pointers in John Beards line where formerly stood a post Oak, S 49, E 94 po crossing the aforesaid branch to pointers the bginning, Witness the following signature & seal.

Henry S. Wright

Franklin County to wit,

I Julia W. Price a Justice in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that Henry S. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 3d day of December 1870.

John W. Price, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 5" day of December 1870.

This deed from Henry S. Wright to Lawrence M. Wright was exhibited in the said Office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to Record. (Revenue stamps placed on Deed and cancelled according to law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C.F.C."

The marriage record of Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Ridgeway was dated on December 19, 1870, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia, Franklin County to wit:
To any person licensed to celebrate marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia Henry S Wright and Sallie E. Ridgway

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Franklin County this 19" day of December 1870

Ro A. Scott Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, 22d December, 1870
Place of Marriage, Franklin Co. Va.
Full Names of Parties Married, Henry S. Wright and Sallie E Ridgway
Age of Husband, 20 years
Age of Wife, 20 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Robert P. & Rhoda Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Joseph & Sally Ridgway
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 19" day of December, 1870

To A. Scott Clerk

Minister's Return of Marriage

I Certify, that on the 22 day of December 1870, at the Residence of Joseph Ridgway I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Joel Peters"

On September 13, 1873, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 30/615 Laurence M. Wright and Jane Wright sold 77 acres of land to Henry S. Wright and Sally Wright:

"This deed made this 13" day of September 1873 between Laurence M Wright, Jane Wright his wife of the one part & Henry S Wright & Sallie his wife of the other part, all of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia. Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & the further consideration of the sum of Eight hundred dollars in hand paid the receipt of whitch is hereby acknowledged, the said Laurence M Wright & Jane his wife do hereby grant unto the said Henry S Wright & Sally his wife with general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Franklin on the waters of Lynville creek adjoining the lands of Joseph Ridgway Sparrel Beard & others containing seventy seven acres 118 poles more or less & bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers on an old path a corner in Sparrel Beards line S 27 1/2 W 67 poles to pointers at a red oak stump N 48 W 73 poles to pointers N 59 W 60 poles to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner N 9 1/2 W 40 1/2 poles crossing a branch to a red oak N 68 1/2 E 47 poles to a poplar on the south side of Little cove branch S 57 E 55 poles to pointers where formerly stood a post oak corner in Sparrel Beards line S 49 E 94 poles crossing aforesaid branch to pointers the beginning. Also another tract or parcel of land adjoining the same containing Five acres 151 poles more or less & bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers S 44 W 13 1/2 poles to a ridge road thence as the road meanders S 85 W 8 po N 59 W 13 po N 34 W to where Ambrose Ruckers line crossing said road thence S 88 E 9 poles to pointers round a red oak stump formerly a red oak oak corner S 59 E 60 poles to the beginning, the price is in Eight hundred Dollars. Witness the following signatures & seals.

L M Wright
N J Wright

Franklin County to wit

We, J H Wilson and Seth E McGuire Justices of said County do certify that Laurence M Wright whose name is signed to the within deed bearing date as of the 15 September 1873 appeared and acknowledged the same, and we further certify that Jane his wife whose name is likewise signed to the above deed dated

as above written also appeared and having the same fully explained to her privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and that she had willingly executed it. Given under our hands this 13" day of September 1873.

J H Wilson J P
Seth E McGuire J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 2nd day of March 1874.

This deed from Laurence M Wright and N J Wright his wife to Henry S Wright and Sally Wright his wife was exhibited in the said Office and admitted to record.

Teste
Jas J Carper C. F. L."

The birth record of Eliza Wright, daughter of Henry S. and Sallie A. Wright, was dated on April 25, 1874, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Eliza W Wright
Date of Birth:	June 26, 1874
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Wm R Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Elizabeeth Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Wm R Wright"

On March 15, 1879, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 33/236 Henry S. Wright purchased 142 acres of land from Ambrose C. Rucker and Sarah J. Rucker:

"This deed made this 15th day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy nine Between betwan Ambrose C Rucker and Sarah J his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Henry S Wright of the County of Franklin and the State of Virginia of the second part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred Dollars in hand paid by the second party to the first party the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged They the first party doth grant and by these presents doth grant sell confirm and convey unto the second party a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Franklin on the South side of Panthers knob adjoining the lands of

Joseph Ridgway Robert Wright & others and containing 142 acres be same more or less Begining at a corner white oak in Robert P Wrights line thence So 50 W 23 poles to a Red oak thence a new line North 21-1/2 west 210 poles up the mountain to a chestnut tree on the north side in Joseph Ridgway's line with it South 86-1/2 E 160 poles to where formerly stood a corner Hickory inside said Ridgways fence thence with the aforesaid Wrights line So 11-1/2 E 160 poles crossing two branches to a red Oak north 82 West 68 poles to a white oak and thence South 54 West 34 poles to the Begining being the same land conveyed to A C Rucker and B C Ellis by W Hopkins & wife The said first party doth forever warrant and defend the above named land and premises to be free from the claims of themselves their heirs or assigns and each and every other person or persons whomsoever unto the second part their heirs and assigns forever Given under our hands and seals the day and date above written

Ambrose C Rucker
Sarah J Rucker

Va Bedford Coty to wit

This day A C Rucker a party to the foregoing writing personally appeared before us George White and Joshua C Adams Justices of the peace in and for said Coty & State aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed also Sarah J Rucker wife of A C Rucker personally appeared before us in our said Coty & State aforesaid and having been examined by us privily & apart from her husband and having the said writing fully explained to her she declared the same to be her act and deed and that she had willingly assigned the same and desired us to certify the same to the clerk of the County Court of Franklin so said deed may be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of March 1879

J C Adams J.P.
George White J.P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 7th day of April 1879 This Deed from Ambrose C Rucker and Sarah J Rucker his wife to Henry S Wright was Exhibited in said Office and admitted to record

Teste
Jus J Carper C.F.C."

On April 12, 1879, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 34/147 Henry S. Wright and Sally Wright sold to John N. Ridgway their interest in the land of Joseph Ridgway:

"This Deed made this 12th day of April 1879 between Henry S Wright and Sally his wife of the one part and John N Ridgway of the other part all of the County of

Franklin and State of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty five dollars the said Henry S Wright and Sally his wife doth grant bargain and sell with Special warranty with the said John N Ridgway their entire interest in the tract of land on whitch Joseph Ridgway lived on at the time of his death lying and being in the County of Franklin on the Waters of Lynville creek bounded by the lands of Patterson ____ Jonathan Basham and others to have and to hold free from the claim of themselves their heirs &c and all persons claiming by or through them, Witness the following signatures and seals

Henry S Wright
Sallie E Wright

State of Virginia County of Franklin to wit

We W C Ridgway & F T Wray Justices for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Henry S Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 12th day of April 1879 has acknowledged the same before us in an County aforesaid, and We do further certify that Sally Wright the wife of the said Henry S Wright whose name is likewise signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being Examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully Explained to her she the said Sally Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly Executed the same and does wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 19th day of MAugust 1879

W C Ridgway JP
F T Wray JP.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 3rd day of November 1880

This Deed from Henry S Wright and Sallie E Wright his wife to John N Ridgway was Exhibited in said Office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper Ct.C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Henry S. Wright with the following household on June 3 or 4, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Henry S. Wright	W	M	30		
Sallie E. Wright	W	F	29		Wife
Joseph L. Wright	W	M	8		Son
Sarah L. Wright	W	F	7		Daughter
Robert A. Wright	W	M	5		Son
Rhoda C. Wright	W	F	3		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping House		
S				
S				
S				
S				

Attended School Within Yea	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va

This record indicates that Henry S. Wright was born in about 1850 and that Sallie E. (Ridgway) Wright was born in about 1851.

On December 18, 1883, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/286 Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright sold 80 acres of land to Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright:

> "This deed made this 18th day of December 1883 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright of the other part of the county of Franklin

and State of Virginia witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Six Hundred and fifty Dollars in hand paid the recpt of which is hereby acknowledged Four Hundred cash the remaining two Hundred and fifty Dollars in bonds bearing interest til paid the said Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife have this day bargained and sold unto the said Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John W. Ridgeway and others and bounded as follows Beginning at A at Pointers thence N. 6.30 W 40.50 poles to B in dead red oak now pointers N 68.30 E 50 poles to C a small gum and dogwood on the South side of a branch formerly a poplar S 52 E 55 poles to D. pointers formerly a post oak S. 47 E 74 poles E at pointers S 28.30 W. 67 poles to F a spanish oak N 46 W. 72 poles to G. at pointers S. 46. W. 24.50 poles to H a rock thence New line N 44.15 W. 75 poles to I a rock N 8 E. 12 poles to A. the beginning containing 80 acres more or less to have and to hold with general warranty witness the following signatures and seals.

Henry S. Wright
Sallie E. Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me, S. M. Grant J. P. and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said county of Delta on this day personally appeared Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright his wife well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowl that they executed the same for the uses purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Sallie E. Wright wife of said Henry S Wright who proper name appears to said foregoing instrument, being examined by me privelly and apart from her said husband and having the same fully explained to her, she that said Sallie E Wright acknowledged to me, that she had voluntarily signed and executed the same, of her own free will and accord without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of February A.D. 1884

S. M. Grant J. P. and
Ex officio Notary Public in and
for said County of Delta Texas.

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 7th day of April, 1884, this deed from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. his wife to Milton M. Wright and Cicero W. Wright. was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jus. J. Carper, Clk."

This record indicates that Henry S. Wright and Sally E. (Ridgeway) Wright had moved to Delta County, Texas, by 1883.

On January 31, 1884, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/387 Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright sold 142 acres of land to William T. Wright:

"This deed made this 31st day of January 1884 between Henry S. Wright & Sally E. Wright his wife of the County of Delta State of Texas of the one part & William T. Wright of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & the sum of four hundred Dollars in hand paid the recpt. of whitch is hereby acknowledged we the said Henry S. Wright & Sally E. his wife have this day granted bargained & sold unto the said William T. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia on the south side of panthers knob mountain adjoining the land of Bozwell Ridgeway & others & bound as follows Begining at a corner white oak in R. P Wrights line thence S 50 W 23 poles to a red oak thence a new line N 21-1/2 W. 210 poles up the mountain to a chestnut tree on the north side in Joseph Ridgeways line, with it S. 86-1/2 E 160 poles to where formerly stood a corner hickory inside said Ridgeways fence thence with the aforesaid Wrights line S. 11-1/2 E 160 poles crossing two branches to a red oak N. 82 W. 68 poles to a white oak S. 54 W. 34 poles to the begining containing 142 acres more or less; to have & to hold with general warranty hereby defending the right & title of said land against the claim of ourselves & all other persons, it being the same land conveyed to the said Henry S. Wright by Ambrose C. Rucker & Sarah J. Rucker his wife. Witness the following signatures & seals

Henry S. Wright
Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas)
County of Delta)

Before me, S M Grant J.P. and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said County of Delta on this day personally appeared Henry S Wright, and Sallie E. Wright his wife well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above foregoing instrument of writing and acknowledged that they executed the

same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Sallie E Wright wife of said Henry S Wright whose proper names appears to said foregoing instrument & being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E Wright acknowledged to me that she had voluntarily signed and executed the same of her own free will and accord, without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband and that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of February A.D 1884.

S. M. Grant J.P. and Ex officio
Notary Public in and for said
County of Delta Texas

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 7th day of July 1884.

This Deed from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. his wife, to William T. Wright, was exhibited in said office and admitted to record."

On January 9, 1888, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 38/578 Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright sold 68-1/4 acres of land to Nancy Wright:

"This deed made this 9th day of Jasnuary 1888 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright of the other part of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in hand paid the recept of which is hereby acknowledged. We the said Henry S Wright and Sally E Wright his wife have this day granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Milton W Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land with general warranty lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of William T. Wright and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak corner in William T Wright's line at the foot of Panthers Knob mountain N 54 E 34 Po to a white oak S 82 E 68 Po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 86 W 12 Po to a rock S 44.13 E 75 Po to a rock in William T. Wright's line Thence with said wrights line S 44 W 83 Po to pointers on a road N 42 W 31 Po to the north Fork of Lynville Creek N 24 W 124 Po to the Begining at the foot of the mountain containing 68-1/4 acres be the same mor or less to have and to hold free from the claim of ourselves and all other persons witness the following Signature and Seals

H. S Wright
Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me Geo W Jones Clerk of the County Court in and for Delta County, Texas, on this day personally appeared H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright wife of H. S. Wright Known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. And the said Sallie E Wright wife of the said H. S. Wriught having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E. Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it

Given under my hand and Seal of office this 24th day of January A.D. 1888

Geo W Jones
Clerk Co Court Delta Co Texas

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 5th day of March 1888 This deed from H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright his wife to Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright was exhibited in said office in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper clk"

The will of Robert P. Wright dated October 31, 1888, and probated on August 4, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 21/321 listed Henry S. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . I have heretofore given unto my son W T & Lawrence M & Henry S. Wright what I intend them to have of my estate. . . ."

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Henry Smith Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born in 1850 at Franklin County, Virginia, and married Sarah "Sallie" Elizabeth Ridgeway, that Sarah Elizabeth (Ridgeway) Wright was born in 1851 at Virginia, and that Henry Smith Wright and Sarah Elizabeth (Ridgeway) Wright had the following children:

1) Joseph L. Wright, born in 1872 at Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Sarah L. Wright, born in 1873 at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) Robert Alonza Wright, born in 1875 at Franklin County, Virginia, and

4) Rhoda Charmie Wright, born in 1877 at Franklin County, Virginia.

vii. 1934 Milton McGeorge Wright Of Franklin County, His Wife Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright, And His Descendants

1934 Milton McGeorge Wright of Franklin County was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Milton Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Milton Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1853, and his occupation as farm laborer.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Milton M. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 27 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1853, and his occupation as laborer.

On December 18, 1883, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/286 Milton M. Wright purchased 80 acres of land from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright:

> "This deed made this 18th day of December 1883 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright of the other part of the county of Franklin and State of Virginia witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Six Hundred and fifty Dollars in hand paid the recpt of which is hereby acknowledged Four Hundred cash the remaining two Hundred and fifty Dollars in bonds bearing interest til paid the said Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife have this day bargained and sold unto the said Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John W. Ridgeway and others and bounded as follows Beginning at A at Pointers thence N. 6.30 W 40.50 poles to B in dead red oak now pointers N 68.30 E 50 poles to C a small gum and dogwood on the South side of a branch formerly a poplar S 52 E 55 poles to D. pointers formerly a post oak S. 47

E 74 poles E at pointers S 28.30 W. 67 poles to F a spanish oak N 46 W. 72 poles to G. at pointers S. 46. W. 24.50 poles to H a rock thence New line N 44.15 W. 75 poles to I a rock N 8 E. 12 poles to A. the beginning containing 80 acres more or less to have and to hold with general warranty witness the following signatures and seals.

Henry S. Wright
Sallie E. Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me, S. M. Grant J. P. and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said county of Delta on this day personally appeared Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright his wife well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowl that they executed the same for the uses purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Sallie E. Wright wife of said Henry S Wright who proper name appears to said foregoing instrument, being examined by me privelly and apart from her said husband and having the same fully explained to her, she that said Sallie E Wright acknowledged to me, that she had voluntarily signed and executed the same, of her own free will and accord without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of February A.D. 1884

S. M. Grant J. P. and
Ex officio Notary Public in and
for said County of Delta Texas.

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 7th day of April, 1884, this deed from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. his wife to Milton M. Wright and Cicero W. Wright. was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jus. J. Carper, Clk."

On January 9, 1888, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 38/578 Milton M. Wright purchased 68-1/4 acres of land from Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright:

"This deed made this 9th day of Jasnuary 1888 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright of the other part of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the

premises and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in hand paid the recept of which is hereby acknowledged. We the said Henry S Wright and Sally E Wright his wife have this day granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Milton W Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land with general warranty lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of William T. Wright and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak corner in William T Wright's line at the foot of Panthers Knob mountain N 54 E 34 Po to a white oak S 82 E 68 Po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 86 W 12 Po to a rock S 44.13 E 75 Po to a rock in William T. Wright's line Thence with said wrights line S 44 W 83 Po to pointers on a road N 42 W 31 Po to the north Fork of Lynville Creek N 24 W 124 Po to the Begining at the foot of the mountain containing 68-1/4 acres be the same mor or less to have and to hold free from the claim of ourselves and all other persons witness the following Signature and Seals

H. S Wright
Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me Geo W Jones Clerk of the County Court in and for Delta County, Texas, on this day personally appeared H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright wife of H. S. Wright Known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. And the said Sallie E Wright wife of the said H. S. Wriught having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E. Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it

Given under my hand and Seal of office this 24th day of January A.D. 1888

Geo W Jones
Clerk Co Court Delta Co Texas

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 5th day of March 1888 This deed from H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright his wife to Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright was exhibited in said office in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper clk"

The will of 1890 Robert P. Wright dated October 31, 1888, and probated on August 4, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 21/321 listed Milton M. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Second I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my money bonds Bank certificates and all evidences of money that I may have or that may be due me at my decease, also all of my household property of every description to be equally divided between them I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright all of my plantation tools and utensils of every kind Including Wheat Fan and grain hogsheads. I also give to the same two MM & CA Wright my rifle gun and shotgun. I also give unto the said M.M. & CA Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my sheep. . . ."

The marriage license of M. M. Wright and Debora I. Dillon was dated on February 4, 1889, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

> "Marriage License.
>
> Virginia, Franklin County, to-wit:
> To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:
>
> You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, M M Wright and Debora I Dillon
>
> Given under my hand as Clerk of the County Court of Franklin this 4" day of Feby 1889
>
> J J Carper Clerk
>
> Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.
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> Time of Marriage, 14 Feby 1889
> Place of Marriage, Franklin Co Va
> Full Names of Parties Married, M M Wright & and Debora I Dillon
> Color, White
> Age of Husband, 36 Yrs
> Age of Wife, 17 Yrs
> Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
> Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
> Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co Va

Place of Wife's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Ro P and Rhoda Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Jesse & Sarah J Dillon
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 4th day of Feby 1889

J J Carper Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, That on the 14 day of Febuary 1889 at Res of Jessee Dillons I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Abraham Kinney"

The birth record of Carroll Webster Wright, son of M. M. and Debora J. Wright, was dated on February 14, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Carroll Webster Wright
Date of Birth:	February 14, 1890
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	M M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Debora J Wright
How many:	1
Deformity:	No Deformity
Informant:	M M Wright
Relation:	Father"

The birth record of Eveella Wright, daughter of M. M. and Ida Wright, was dated in July 1891 at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Eveella Wright
Date of Birth:	July 1891
Color:	White
Sex:	Female

Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin Co Va
Father's Name:	M M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Ida Wright
How many:	1
Deformity:	see letter posted to record
Informant:	C A Wright
Relation:	Father"

The birth record of Wille McGeorge Wright, son of M. M. and Debora J. Wright, was dated on February 20, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Wille McGeorge Wright
Date of Birth:	February 20, 1893
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin Co Va
Father's Name:	M M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin Co
Mother's Name:	Debora J Wright
How many:	1"

Although the record lists Wille McGeorge Wright as a son, she was in fact a daughter of Milton McGeorge and Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright.

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 43/355 Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright sold a tract of land to Milton M. Wright subject to Rhoda Wright's life estate:

> "This Deed made this the 16th day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright Trustee of the first part and Milton M Wright of the second part, Witness, That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of first part have sold and do hereby convey with general warranty as to the said Rhoda Wright and the said Lawrence M Wright conveys with special warranty a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin County on Lynville Creek and bounded as follows. Begining at pointers and with old line S 86 1/2 E 94 po to pointers on a road and with road S 6 E 13 po S 23 E 33 po S 25 E 16 po S 6 E 48 po S 17 E 18 po S 27 E 22 po S 20 E 17 po to pointers marked on East side of road once small spanish oak, thence a new line N 57 1/2 W 197 po to a spanish oak corner to W. T. Wrights

line thence with the line of a tract of land conveyed by said Rhoda Wright to Lawrence M Wright to the begining, but it is expressly understood and agreed by all parties concerned that the said Rhoda Wright retains her lifetime interest in the above tract of land and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession and controll untill after her death witness the following signatures and seals this the day and year first above written.

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia,) To wit:
Franklin Co)

I, John S. Hale a Justice of the Peace for Franklin County State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright whose names are signed to the above deed bearing date the 16th day of March 1893, this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 16th day of March 1893.

John S. Hale J. P.

Virginia

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 19th day of March 1893. This Deed from Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright to Milton M Wright was upon the certificate of acknowledgement this day admitted to record.

Teste
J. J. Carper Clerk"

The birth record of Callie M. Wright, daughter of M. M. and Delora J. Wright, was dated on January 2, 1895, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Callie M Wright
Date of Birth:	January 2, 1895
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin Co Va
Father's Name:	M M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin Co Va
Mother's Name:	Delora J Wright
How many:	1"

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed McGeorge M. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family
Street	House Number			
		24	24	McGeorge M. Wright Deborah J. Wright Carrol W. Wright Eva E. Wright Willie M Wright Callie M. Wright Dalton C. Wright Ida S. Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Jul	1852	47	M
Wife	W	F	Mar	1871	29	M
Son	W	M	Feb	1890	10	S
Daughter	W	F	Jul	1891	8	S
Daughter	W	F	Feb	1893	7	S
Daughter	W	F	Jan	1895	5	S
Son	W	M	Nov	1897	2	S
Daughter	W	F	Dec	1899	5/12	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
11			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
11	7	6	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	
			Farm laborer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	20
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

The 1910 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Milton M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Relation	Age	Married	Children Born	Children Living
McGeorge M. Wright		58	21 yrs		
Deborah J. Wright		34	21 yrs	6	6
Carrol W. Wright		20			
Willie Wright	Dtr	17			
Scella M. Wright	Dtr	16			
Dalton S. Wright	Son	12			
Ida S. Wright	Dtr	10			

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that on January 17, 1920, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 70/114 Milton M. Wright purchased a one-half interest in two parcels of 77 and 76 acres of land from Gertrude E. Wright, Herbert M. Wright, Mabel C. Stone, and Cary A. Stone for $600, land which had been formerly owned by Henry S. Wright and by him sold to Cicero A. Wright.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that her parents remembered that in 1926 Milton M. Wright at age 74 went to visit his two sons, driving with his daughter Eva and her husband "Tick" and their three children in their Model A Ford to Kansas City, Kansas, that it took them four days to drive the 1100 miles, and while there he took his first ride in an "aeroplane".

Franklin County, Virginia - A History listed the death of Minton M. Wright on March 8, 1934, aged 81, based on a Bible Record.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that the tombstone of Milton M. Wright is located at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Milton M. Wright

July 29, 1852 - March 8, 1934"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews also stated that the following were obituaries for Milton M. Wright:

Probably from the Roanoke Times, Roanoke, Virginia, for March 1934:

> "M. M. Wright. M. M. Wright, 81, died March 8th, 1934, at his home in Franklin county. Owing to the conditions of the roads, his body was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Meador, Roanoke, and held for interment, which was

made in Evergreen cemetery by the side of his son-in-law, Capt. E. B. Meador who preceeded him to the grave about 15 months ago.

Surviving are his wife and five children: C. W., of Kansas City, Mo.; D. S., Holt, Mo.; Mrs. E. B. Meador, Roanoke; Mrs. J. J. Morgan and Mrs. J. E. Saunders, Goodview; and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Hopkins, Roanoke.

Mr. Wright was the oldest man of his community and had spent his entire life there. He was united in marriage 47 years ago to Miss Ida Dillon, of Dillon's Mill. He has been a true devoted companion, a kind father, good neighbor and will be greatly missed by all. We appreciate the fact that he was spared to be with us a long time, but our hearts were overwhelmed with grief at this earthly separation. We feel that heaven is much nearer since father went away, as he lived a concentrated christian life and expressed his willingness to go only a short while before his spirit took its flight.

The high esteem in which Mr. Wright lived was deeply expressed during his sickness and death by the many helping hands of neighbors, the beautiful floral designs and the use of cars. - His Daughter."

From The Bedford Democrat or Bedford Bulletin, Bedford, Virginia, March 1934:

"Goodview News: We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. J. J. Morgan and Mrs. Joe E. Saunders in the loss of a kind and loving father who passed away last Thursday, the 8th.

Several people from thi scommunity attended the funeral and burial which was in Roanoke last Friday afternoon. It was his request to be buried in evergreen cemetery by his son-in-law, E. B. Meador, who passed away fifteen months ago. The funeral was in his daughter's (Mrs. E. B. Meador) home on Dale Avenue, South East."

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that on August 12, 1942, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 99/182 Deborah I. Dillon, widow of Milton M. Wright, and the heirs of Milton M. Wright sold their interest in the family farm to Maude (Wright) Morgan.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that the tombstone of Ida Dillon Wright is located at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Ida Dillon Wright
March 4, 1871 - April 29, 1956"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that the following was an obituary for Ida (Dillon) Wright;

From the Roanoke Times & World News, Roanoke, Virginia, April 1956:

"Mrs. Ida D. Wright - Goodview, April 30 - Mrs. Ida Dillon Wright, 85, of Goodview, died Sunday in Bedford.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Eva Meador, Roanoke, Mrs. J. J. Morgan and Mrs. Joe E. Saunders, Goodview; a son, Scott Wright, Holt, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. C. L. Naff, Roanoke, Mrs. G. T. Goggin, Salisbury, N. C.; three brothers, George Dillon, Roanoke; H. L. Dillon, Manchester, Ohio; B. W. Dillon, Bluefield, W. Va.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Parrish Chapel Methodist Church. The body will be at the home of Mrs. Morgan until 1:30 p.m."

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that the Family Bible of Milton M. and Ida (Dillon) Wright was in her possession and in her letter dated May 26, 1997, enclosed a copy of that Bible which provided as follows:

"This Certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Milton M Wright of Franklin Co Va and Deborah I Dillion of Franklin Co Va on 14th day of Feby 1889 at Dillions Mill by Abraham Kinsey

Births

Carroll W. Wright was borned the 14th Feby 1890
Eva Ethell Wright was borned 17th July 1891
Willie M. Wright was borned Feb. the 20th 1893
Callie M. Wright was born Jan 2" 1895
Clarence Estus Wright Was born Oct 13 1896
Dalton S. Wright was born Nov 21 1897
Milton M Wright was borned July 29th 1852
Deborah I Wright was borned the 4th March 1871
Ida S Wright was born Dec 4 1899
Virginia H Meador was born July 15, 1912

Deaths

Clarence Wright Died Dec 7 1896
Virginia H. Meador Died Aug. 12, 1913
Milton M. Wright Died March 8th 1934
Herbert S. Wray Died Jan 30th 1920

Willie M. Wray Died Feb. 4th 1920
Eugene B. Meador Died Dec. 6th 1932
Ida Dillon Wright Died April 29, 1956"

In conversations with Snowwhite (Wright) Saunders, Eva (Wright) Meador, and Maude (Wright) Morgan, they stated that their parents were Milton McGeorge Wright and Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright and that there were seven children.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Milton "Mint" McGeorge Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on July 29, 1852, at Hardy, Franklin County, Virginia, married Deborah Ida Dillon on February 14, 1889, at Dillon's Mill, Franklin County, Virginia, died on March 8, 1934, at Hardy, Franklin County, Virginia, and was buried at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, that Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright was born on March 4, 1871, at Dillon's Mill, Franklin County, Virginia, died on April 29, 1956, at Bedford, Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that Milton McGeorge Wright and Deborah Ida (Dillon) Wright had the following children:

1) Carrol Webster Wright, born on February 14, 1890, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Eva Ethel (Wright) Meador, born on July 17, 1891, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia,

3) Willie McGeorge (Wright) Wray, born on February 20, 1893, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia,

4) Callie Maude (Wright) Morgan, born on January 2, 1895, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Clarence Estus Wright, born on October 13, 1896, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia,

6) Dalton Scott Wright, born on November 21, 1897, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia, and

7) Ida Snow White (Wright) Saunders, born on December 4, 1899, at Kennett, Franklin County, Virginia.

viii. 1919 Cicero Anthony Wright Of Franklin County, His Wife Gertrude E. "Gertie" (Hix) Wright, And His Descendants

1919 Cicero Anthony Wright of Franklin County was a son of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The birth record of Cicero A. Wright, son of Robert P. and Rhoda Wright, was dated on May 5, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Cicero A. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 5, 1856
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Robert P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Rhoda Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Robert P. Wright
Relation:	Father"

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Cicero A. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856.

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Cicero Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856, and his occupation as farm laborer.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Cisaroe A. Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and his age as 24 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856, and his occupation as laborer.

On December 18, 1883, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/286 Cicero A. Wright purchased 80 acres of land from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright:

> "This deed made this 18th day of December 1883 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and

Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright of the other part of the county of Franklin and State of Virginia witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Six Hundred and fifty Dollars in hand paid the recpt of which is hereby acknowledged Four Hundred cash the remaining two Hundred and fifty Dollars in bonds bearing interest til paid the said Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife have this day bargained and sold unto the said Milton M. Wright and Cicero A. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of John W. Ridgeway and others and bounded as follows Beginning at A at Pointers thence N. 6.30 W 40.50 poles to B in dead red oak now pointers N 68.30 E 50 poles to C a small gum and dogwood on the South side of a branch formerly a poplar S 52 E 55 poles to D. pointers formerly a post oak S. 47 E 74 poles E at pointers S 28.30 W. 67 poles to F a spanish oak N 46 W. 72 poles to G. at pointers S. 46. W. 24.50 poles to H a rock thence New line N 44.15 W. 75 poles to I a rock N 8 E. 12 poles to A. the beginning containing 80 acres more or less to have and to hold with general warranty witness the following signatures and seals.

Henry S. Wright
Sallie E. Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me, S. M. Grant J. P. and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said county of Delta on this day personally appeared Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. Wright his wife well known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowl that they executed the same for the uses purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said Sallie E. Wright wife of said Henry S Wright who proper name appears to said foregoing instrument, being examined by me privelly and apart from her said husband and having the same fully explained to her, she that said Sallie E Wright acknowledged to me, that she had voluntarily signed and executed the same, of her own free will and accord without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of February A.D. 1884

S. M. Grant J. P. and
Ex officio Notary Public in and
for said County of Delta Texas.

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 7th day of April, 1884, this deed from Henry S. Wright and Sallie E. his wife to Milton M. Wright and Cicero W. Wright. was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jus. J. Carper, Clk."

On January 9, 1888, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 38/578 Cicero A. Wright purchased 68-1/4 acres of land from Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright:

"This deed made this 9th day of Jasnuary 1888 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright of the other part of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in hand paid the recept of which is hereby acknowledged. We the said Henry S Wright and Sally E Wright his wife have this day granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Milton W Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land with general warranty lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of William T. Wright and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak corner in William T Wright's line at the foot of Panthers Knob mountain N 54 E 34 Po to a white oak S 82 E 68 Po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 86 W 12 Po to a rock S 44.13 E 75 Po to a rock in William T. Wright's line Thence with said wrights line S 44 W 83 Po to pointers on a road N 42 W 31 Po to the north Fork of Lynville Creek N 24 W 124 Po to the Begining at the foot of the mountain containing 68-1/4 acres be the same mor or less to have and to hold free from the claim of ourselves and all other persons witness the following Signature and Seals

H. S Wright
Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me Geo W Jones Clerk of the County Court in and for Delta County, Texas, on this day personally appeared H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright wife of H. S. Wright Known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. And the said Sallie E Wright wife of the said H. S. Wriught having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E. Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and

deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it

Given under my hand and Seal of office this 24th day of January A.D. 1888

Geo W Jones
Clerk Co Court Delta Co Texas

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 5th day of March 1888 This deed from H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright his wife to Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright was exhibited in said office in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper clk"

The will of Robert P. Wright dated October 31, 1888, and probated on August 4, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 21/321 listed Cicero A. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Second I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my money bonds Bank certificates and all evidences of money that I may have or that may be due me at my decease, also all of my household property of every description to be equally divided between them I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright all of my plantation tools and utensils of every kind Including Wheat Fan and grain hogsheads. I also give to the same two MM & CA Wright my rifle gun and shotgun. I also give unto the said M.M. & CA Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my sheep. . . ."

On March 16, 1893, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 43/354 Cicero A. Wright purchased a tract of land from Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright subject to Rhoda Wright's life estate:

"This Deed made this the 16th day of March 1893 between Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M. Wright Trustee of the first part and Cicero A Wright of the second part, Witness, that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part have sold and do hereby convey the said Rhoda Wright with general warranty and the said Lawrence M. Wright with Special Warranty - a certain tract or parcel of land in Franklin Co on the waters of Lynville Creek and bounded as follows, Begining at a spanish oak corner in W. T. Wright land and with M. M. Wrights line S 57 1/2 E 197 po to pointers once road an with road S 5 1/2 W 22 po S 15 E 26 po to a post oak N 70 W 120 po to an Apple tree N 86 W 59 poles to a cherry tree at a

road and with said road S 50 W 45 po, thence leaving said road S 30 W 8 po to a gum N 32 W 60 po to W. T. Wrights line and N 39 E 76 po to where stood a stake in a field N 29 E 41 po to beginning, but it is expressly understood & agreed that that the said Rhoda Wright retains her lifetime interest the above tract of land and that the party of the second part is not to have full possession and controll untill after the death of the said Rhoda Wright. Witness the following signatures & seals this the day & year above written,

Rhoda Wright
L M Wright

Virginia) To wit:
Franklin Co.)

I, John S. Hale a Justice of the Peace for Franklin Co. State of Virginia, do certify that Rhoda Wright and Laurance M Wright whose names are signed to above deed bearing date this the 16th day of March, 1893 this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 16th day of March 1893.

John S. Hale J. P.

Virginia

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 19th day of May 1893. This Deed from Rhoda Wright and Lawrence M Wright to Cicero A Wright was upon the certificate of acknowledgment this day admitted to record.

Teste
J. J Carper Clerk"

The marriage record of Cicero A. Wright and Gertie E. Hix was dated on October 1, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Cicero A. Wright and Gertie E. Hix

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County this 30th day of September 1895

R. D. Buford Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, October 1st, 1895
Place of Marriage, Bedford County, Va
Full Names of Parties Married, Cicero A. Wright and Gertie E. Hix
Color, White
Age of Husband, 38
Age of Wife, 20
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Names of Husband's Parents, Robert P. and Rhoda Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, James E. and ____ Hix
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 30th day of September 1895

R. D. Buford, Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, That on the 1st day of October 1895 at Capt. A. L. Minter's I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

(Rev.) J. A. Barnhardt"

On December 19, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 79/330 C. A. Wright and Gertie E. Wright and other beneficiaries of the estate of Mary J. Meador sold their interest in a tract of land to John A. Meador:

"This Deed made this the 19th day of December 1899 between J. W. Meador, James L. Feather Sallie P. Feather, A. L. Minter J. L. Minter Wm Ellis Mollie P. Ellis C. A. Wright Gertie E Wright and Mosey G. Hix of the State of Virginia of the first part and John A Meador of the second part Witnesseth for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred dollars cash paid in hand the receipt

we hereby acknowledge That the said parties of the first part do grant sell and convey unto the party of the second part all of our entire interest in the tract of land willed to Mary J. Meador and her heirs by her Father John Spradlin her now being dead Lying in the County of Bedford on both sides of the Carters Island Road adjoining the lands of C. H. Dickinson J. M. Hannabass and others we convey all of our entire interest in said tract of land supposed to be one hundred and thirty acres more or less to the said grantee with general warranty of title and we hereby quit claim all our right title and interest in and to said premises to the grantee above named

Witness our hands and seals this the 19th day of December 1899

J. W. Meador
James L. Feather
Sallie P. Feather
A. L. Minter
J. L. Minter
William Ellis
M. P. Ellis
C. A. Wright
Gertrude Wright

Cownty of Bedford Sate of virginia

I, C. H. Dickinson a Justice of the peace for the County of aforesaid do certify J. W. Meador whoes name is assigned to the wrighting hereunto annexd baring date one the 19 day of Decembr 1899 has personally appeared before me in my Cownty of aforesaid an have acknowledged the same

Given under my hand and seal this the 27 day December 1899

C. H. Dickinson J.P.

Cownty of Bedford State of Virginia

I, C. H. Dickinson a Justice of the pease of the Cownty of aforesaid do certify that James L Feather and Sallie P Feather and A L Minter and J L Minter and William Ellis and M. P. Ellis whoes names ar assigned to the wrighting here unto annexed baring date one the 19 day of December 1899 has personally appeared before me in my Cownty of afore said and have acknowledged the same

Given undes my hand and seal this the 10 day of January 1900

C. H. Dickinson J.P.

County of Franklin State of Virginia

I, W H Smith Justice for the county aforesaid do certify that C A Wright & Gertrude Wright whoes names signed to the writeing here unto annext carrying the date of Decnbr 19 1899 have personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be a true deed."

Given under my hand and seal this the 29th day of January 1900

Wyatt H. Smith J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks office, August 8th, 1900

This Deed from J. W. Meador, James L. Feather, Sallie P. Feather, A. L. Minter J. L. Minter, William Ellis, Mollie P. Ellis, C. A Wright and Gertrude E Wright to John A Meador, conveying interest in real estate, being produced in said Office, certified, and stamped with One Dollar united States Internal Revenue Stamps, canceled, is admitted to record

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Cicero A. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1,1900, was in this family.
Street	House Number			
		29	29	Cicero A. Wright Gertrude Wright Mable C. Wright Herbert M. Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	May	1856	44	M
Wife	W	F	July	1876	23	M
Daughter	W	F	Mar	1896	3	S
Son	W	M	Feb	1900	3/12	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
4			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
4	2	2	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	24
Yes	Yes	Yes				

The 1910 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Sismore(?) A. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Status
Sismore(?) A. Wright	53	M-1 14 years
Gertrude Wright	35	M-1 14 years 2 children 2 live
Mable C. Wright	13	
Herbert M. Wright	10	

The death certificate of Cicero Anthony Wright was dated on July 15, 1919, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Certificate of Death

1. Place of Death,
County of Franklin
District of Bonbrook
Registration District No 334
Primary Registration District No. 3349
File No. 18577
Registered No. 7
2. Full Name: Cicero Anthony Wright
3. Sex Male
4 Color or Race White
5. Single married, widowed or divorced Married
6 Date of Birth May 5, 1856
7. Age 63 yrs 2 mos 10 ds
8 Occupation Farmer
9 Birthplace Franklin Co. Va
10. Name of Father Robert Penn Wright
11. Birthplace of Father Franklin Co. Va
12. Maiden Name of Mother Roda McGeorge
13. Birthplace of Mother Bedford Co. Va

14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge
E B Meador
Hardy Va
15. Place July 16 1919 G. C. Kenneth, Local Registrar
16. Date of Death July 15, 1919
17. I hereby certify, That I attended deceased from ____, 191_ to ____, 191_ that I last saw h_ alive on ____, 191_ and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _.m. The Cause of Death was as follows: Killed by Lightning No Physician
18. Length of Residence
19. Place of Burian or Removal Family Graveyard
Date of Burial July 16, 1919
20. Undertaker J M Cakey
Address Roanoke Va"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews stated that her parents remembered that Cicero Anthony Wright was killed by lightning while washing his hands on his back porch at home.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews also stated that on January 17, 1920, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 70/114 Gertrude E. Wright, Herbert M. Wright, Mabel C. Stone, and Cary A. Stone sold to Milton M. Wright a one-half interest in two parcels of 77 and 76 acres of land for $600, land which had been formerly owned by Henry S. Wright and by him sold to Cicero A. Wright.

The will of Cicero A. Wright was dated March 30, 1908, probated on November 4, 1919, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 27/237, and provided as follows:

"County of Franklin State of Va.

Ciceroe A. Wright of the county and state aforesaid being of sound mind wishing to direct how my estates both personal and real shall be disposed of after my death do in the presence of God and these witnesses make this my last will and testament.

First, I direct all my Just debts be paid.

Second. I doth bequeath unto Gertrude E. Wright my beloved wife all my personal and real estate for her to have and to hold so long as she may live and after her death I direct the said estates be equally distributed between my children.

Third. I further direct that my beloved wife Gertrude E. Wright be by Executrix of this my last will without security.

As witness my hand this the 30th of March 1908.

Witnesseth
W. H. Edwards
George N. Evans
Canall Wright

Cicero. A. Wright

Franklin Circuit Court November 4th 1919.

The last will and testament of Cicero A. Wright, deceased, was this day produced in court and proved by the oath of W. H. Edwards, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who testified that said will was signed, sealed and acknowledged by the Testator in his presence and in the presence of Geo. N. Evans and Canall Wright the other subscribing witnesses thereto, they all three being present at the same time, and that said will was attested by him and the said Geo. N. Evans and Canall Wright at the same time, in the presence of each other and in the presence of and at the request of said testator, the said will is ordered to be recorded, and on motion of Gertrude Wright the Executrix named in said will who made oath and executed bond in the penalty of One Thousand dollars, conditioned according to law, without surety, the Testator requesting that no surety be required and the court requiring none, certificate is granted her to obtain a probate of said will in due form. Ordered that W. H. Edwards, M. M. Wright, L. M. Wright, W. R. Beard and W. C. Brown, any three of whom may act after being sworn for the purpose, appraise in current money the personal estate of Cicero A. Wright, deceased, and report according to law.

Teste,
T. W. Carper, Clerk"

In her letter dated June 3, 1981 Freddie L. Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Cicero A. Wright was born in May 1856, and married Gertrude E. Hix on October 1, 1895, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Gertrude E. (Hix) Wright was born on July 23, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that they had two children:

1) Mabel C. Wright, born in November 1896, and
2) Herbert M. Wright, born in February 1900.

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Cicero Anthony Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on May 5, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia, married Gertrude E. "Gertie" Hix, and died at his home in Hardy, Franklin County, Virginia, that Gertrude E. (Hix) Wright was born in July 1876 at Virginia, and that Cicero Anthony Wright and Gertrude E. (Hix) Wright had the following children:

1) Mabel Clair (Wright) Stone, born in November 1896 at Franklin County, Virginia, and

2) Herbert Minter Wright, born on February 23, 1900, at Franklin County, Virginia.

ix. R. P. Wright

R. P. Wright was a son of of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that R. P. Wright was a son of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and was born on July 19, 1885, at Franklin County, Virginia.

x. Nancy L. (Wright) Hopkins And Her Husband Robert L. Hopkins

Nancy L. (Wright) Hopkins was a daughter of Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright and 1890 Robert Penn Wright of Franklin County. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], Rhoda[4])

The birth record of Nancy E. Wright, daughter of Robert P. and Rhoda Wright, was dated on October 2, 1859, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Nancy E. Wright
Date of Birth:	October 2, 1859
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin
Father's Name:	Robert P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer

Father's Residence:	Franklin
Mother's Name:	Rhoda
How many:	1
Informant:	Father
Relation:	Head of Family"

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Nancy L. Wright in the Robert B. Wright household and her age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1859.

The 1870 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Nancy Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1860.

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Nancy Wright in the Robert P. Wright household and her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1862.

On January 9, 1888, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 38/578 Nancy Wright purchased 68-1/4 acres of land from Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright:

> "This deed made this 9th day of Jasnuary 1888 between Henry S. Wright and Sally E. Wright his wife of the one part of the County of Delta State of Texas and Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright of the other part of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in hand paid the recept of which is hereby acknowledged. We the said Henry S Wright and Sally E Wright his wife have this day granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Milton W Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land with general warranty lying and being in the County of Franklin and State of Virginia on the waters of Lynville Creek adjoining the lands of William T. Wright and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak corner in William T Wright's line at the foot of Panthers Knob mountain N 54 E 34 Po to a white oak S 82 E 68 Po to pointers where formerly stood a red oak corner S 86 W 12 Po to a rock S 44.13 E 75 Po to a rock in William T. Wright's line Thence with said wrights line S 44 W 83 Po to pointers on a road N 42 W 31 Po to the north Fork of Lynville Creek N 24 W 124 Po to the Begining at the foot of the mountain containing 68-1/4 acres be the same mor or less to have and to hold free from the claim of ourselves and all other persons witness the following Signature and Seals
>
> H. S Wright
> Sallie E Wright

The State of Texas
County of Delta

Before me Geo W Jones Clerk of the County Court in and for Delta County, Texas, on this day personally appeared H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright wife of H. S. Wright Known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. And the said Sallie E Wright wife of the said H. S. Wriught having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she the said Sallie E. Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it

Given under my hand and Seal of office this 24th day of January A.D. 1888

Geo W Jones
Clerk Co Court Delta Co Texas

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 5th day of March 1888 This deed from H. S. Wright and Sallie E Wright his wife to Milton M Wright Cicero A Wright and Nancy S Wright was exhibited in said office in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J Carper clk"

The will of Robert P. Wright dated October 31, 1888, and probated on August 4, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 21/321 listed Nancy L. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Second I give unto my son Milton M. Wright and Cicero A Wright and my daughter Nancy L Wright all of my money bonds Bank certificates and all evidences of money that I may have or that may be due me at my decease, also all of my household property of every description to be equally divided between them. . . ."

The marriage license of Nancy L. Wright and Robert L. Hopkins was dated on October 22, 1892, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Franklin County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Robert L Hopkins and Nancy S Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Franklin this 22d day of Octo 1892

J J Carper Clerk

Time of Marriage, 26 Octo 1892
Place of Marriage, Franklin Co Va
Full Names of Parties Married, Robert L. Hopkins and Nancy L. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 26 Yrs
Age of Wife, 34 Yrs
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Franklin Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Franklin Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, J C & Fanny Hopkins
Names of Wife's Parents, Ro P & Rhoda Wright
Occupation of Husband, Car Builder

Given under my hand this 22d day of Octo 1892

J J Carper Clerk

Minister's Return of Marriage

I Certify, That on the 26 day of October 1892 at the Res of Rhoda Wright I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed license

Abraham Kinsy(?)"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Elizabeth Wright was a daughter of Robert Pasley Wright and Rhoda (McGeorge) Wright, was born on October 2, 1859 or 1862, at Franklin County, Virginia, married Robert L. Hopkins on March 26, 1892, at Franklin County, Virginia, and died on September 8, 1947, that Robert L. Hopkins was born in 1864 and died on July 29, 193_, and that Nancy Elizabeth (Wright) Hopkins and Robert L. Hopkins had the following child:

1) Charles Pasley Hopkins, born on July 25, 1893, at Virginia.

b. Margaret (McGeorge) Goggin And Her Husband Jeffrey R. Goggin

Margaret (McGeorge) Goggin was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The marriage bond of Margaret McGeorge and Jeffrey R. Goggin was dated on September 16, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia.

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that Margaret McGeorge was a daughter of William and Ruth McGeorge, was born in about 1822, married Jeffrey Goggin on September 16, 1841, and resided in 1850 in Roanoke County, Virginia.

c. Elizabeth (McGeorge) Ruddle And Her Husband Cornelius Ruddle

Elizabeth (McGeorge) Ruddle was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that Elizabeth McGeorge was a daughter of William and Ruth McGeorge and married Cornelius Ruddle on September 13, 1841.

d. Laurence McGeorge And His Wife Ann Elizabeth (Goggin) Wright

Laurence McGeorge was a child of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Laurence McGeorge in the William McGeorge household, his age as 25 and born in Virginia, indicating his date of birth in about 1825.

The marriage bond of Laurence McGeorge and Ann Elizabeth Goggin was dated October 22, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, with John M. Goggin as surety and the marriage by Thomas C. Goggin on November 15, 1849.

On January 2, 1852, at Roanoke County, Virginia D.B. D/380, Robert P. Wright and Rhoda M. Wright, his wife, of Franklin County, Virginia, sold their interest in certain land of the estate of William McGeorge to her brother Laurence McGeorge:

> "This Indenture of bargain made and entered into this 2d day of January 1852 between Robert P. Wright and Rhoda M. his wife of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the one part and Lawrence McGeorge of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth that for & in Consideration of the Sum of four Hundred Dollars paid by the said Lawrence McGeorge to the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, at or before the Sealing & delivering of these presents who hath bargained & sold & by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Lawrence McGeorge a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia under the title of William McGeorge decd & being the same land allotted to the said Robert P. Wright by Commissioners of the County Court of Roanoke & Bounded by the lands of Isaac James, Jeffery R. Goggin, Nancy McGeorge & others. To have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land containing Fifty five acres, be the Same more or less, with all the singular privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging for ever: & we the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife, for themselves, their heirs &.c, doth covenant & agree with the Said Lawrence McGeorge to warrant & defend the right & title to the above tract or parcel of Land for ever, & defend against the claims of all persons & manner of persons whatever. In testimony whereof we the said Robert P. Wright & Rhoda M. his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals this day & year above written.
>
> Robert P. Wright
> Rhoda M. Wright
>
> Roanoke County to wit;
>
> We William B. Preston and Wm McDermod Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Robert P. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date 2d day of January 1852, & hereunto annexed, personally appeared before me in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the

same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of January 1852

Wm B. Preston
Wm McDermed

Roanoke County to Wit;

We William B. Preston and Wm. Mcdermed Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Rhoda M. Wright, a party to a certain deed bearing date 2nd day of January 1852 & hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband, acknowledged the same to be her act & deed, & desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Roanoke in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 2nd day of January 1852.

Wm B. Preston
Wm McDermed

In the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court the 27 day of March 1852. This Deed from Robert P. Wright & wife to Lawrence McGeorge was delivered to me and together with the certificate thereon written admitted to Record.)

Teste
F. Johnston C"

On February 3, 1852, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/381 Lawrence McGeorge purchased 47 acres of land from Mary McGeorge:

"This Deed made the 3d day of February in the year 1852 between Mary McGeorge of the first part & Lawrence McGeorge of the second part, Witnesseth, that in Consideration of the Sum of three hundred Dollars the said Mary McGeorge doth grant unto the Said Lawrence McGeorge with general warranty all of a Certain piece of Land lying in the County of Roanoke Containg forty Seven acres, more or less, being part of the Land with which the late William McGeorge died seized and Possessed adjoining the Lots of Land which was laid off & assigned to Robert Wright - Cornelius Ruddle - the widow's dower and the Lands of John H. Vinyard Witness the following Signatures & Seal

Mary McGeorge

Roanoke County to wit:

I, William Mcdermott a Justice of the Peace in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do certify that Mary McGeorge, whose name to the writing above dated on the 3 day of February 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 6th day of February 1852

Wm McDermott JP.

In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 27th day of March 1852. This Deed from Mary McGeorge to Lawrence McGeorge was delivered to me, and to gether with the certificate thereon written & admitted to Record

Teste
F. Johnston C"

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that Laurence McGeorge died intestate in 1863 in Roanoke County, Virginia.

e. Ann McGeorge

Ann McGeorge was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Ann McGeorge in the William McGeorge household, aged 21 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1829.

f. Mildred (McGeorge) McGuire And Her Husband Seth E. McGuire

Mildred (McGeorge) McGuire was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia listed Mildred McGeorge in the William McGeorge household, her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1832.

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that Mildred McGeorge married Seth E. McGuire on April 11, 1854.

g. Mary J. (McGeorge) Minter And Her Husband Robert B. Minter

Mary J. (McGeorge) Minter was a daughter of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Mildred McGeorge in the William McGeorge household, aged 16 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1834.

On February 3, 1852, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/381 Mary McGeorge sold 47 acres of land to Lawrence McGeorge:

> "This Deed made the 3d day of February in the year 1852 between Mary McGeorge of the first part & Lawrence McGeorge of the second part, Witnesseth, that in Consideration of the Sum of three hundred Dollars the said Mary McGeorge doth grant unto the Said Lawrence McGeorge with general warranty all of a Certain piece of Land lying in the County of Roanoke Containg forty Seven acres, more or less, being part of the Land with which the late William McGeorge died seized and Possessed adjoining the Lots of Land which was laid off & assigned to Robert Wright - Cornelius Ruddle the widow's dower and the Lands of John H. Vinyard Witness the following Signatures & Seal
>
> Mary McGeorge
>
> Roanoke County to wit:
>
> I, William Mcdermott a Justice of the Peace in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do certify that Mary McGeorge, whose name to the writing above dated on the 3 day of February 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 6th day of February 1852
>
> Wm McDermott JP.
>
> In the Clerk's office of Roanoke County Court the 27th day of March 1852. This Deed from Mary McGeorge to Lawrence McGeorge was delivered to me, and to gether with the certificate thereon written & admitted to Record
>
> Teste
> F. Johnston C"

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that Mary J. McGeorge married Robert B. Minter on August 2, 1854.

h. John McGeorge, His Wife ____ (____) McGeorge, And Her Descendants

John McGeorge was a son of Ruth (Wright) McGeorge and William McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3])

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that John McGeorge was a son of William and Ruth McGeorge and died before 1850 leaving a daughter Nancy who married Daniel Basham.

I. Nancy (McGeorge) Basham And Her Husband Daniel Basham

Nancy (McGeorge) Basham was a daughter of John McGeorge and ____ (____) McGeorge. (1763 Thomas[1], 1803 John[2], Ruth[3], John[4])

The 1850 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Nancy McGeorge in the William McGeorge household, aged 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1836.

In her letter dated September 9, 1988, Mrs. Catherine Schorn stated that John McGeorge was a son of William and Ruth McGeorge and died before 1850 leaving a daughter Nancy who married Daniel Basham.

H. 1815 Joseph Wright Of Bedford County, His Wives Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright And Judith (Pate) Wright, And His Descendants

1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The evidence that 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County was the son of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County will be set forth below and consists of a demonstration that the 152 acres of land purchased by a Joseph Wright in 1762 from George Walton was owned by 1815 Joseph Wright at the time of his death and that the land was not transferred from the original 1762 Joseph Wright purchaser to 1815 Joseph Wright either directly or through intermediate owners. In addition, there is a declaration by Littleberry Wright indentifying his grandfather 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County as the son of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County.

There is no direct evidence of the date and place of birth of 1815 Joseph Wright, but the evidence available indicates that 1815 Joseph Wright was born probably before 1745, possibly at Baltimore, Maryland. The date of birth is based on the fact that he purchased land in Bedford County by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 2/81 dated September 20, 1762. If he was at least eighteen years of age in 1767 when he bought the land, then his date of birth would be probably before 1745.

The place of birth is based on the residence of his parents. As set forth above regarding 1763 Thomas Wright and his wife Mary, they apparently lived in Baltimore, Maryland, from at least 1733 to 1745 and two of their children were born there in 1733 and 1736. If 1815 Joseph Wright was born between 1733 and 1745, it is probable that he was born in Baltimore, Maryland. However, since he might have been born before 1733, and it is not yet known where 1763 Thomas Wright resided before 1733, the place of birth of 1815 Joseph Wright remains at this time only a possibility.

1815 Joseph Wright probably lived with his parents in Baltimore, Maryland, until 1745 and then moved with them possibly to Augusta County, Virginia, and then on to Bedford County, possibly in 1755, but in any event by September 20, 1762, when he first purchased land in Bedford County.

On September 26, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 2/81 Joseph Wright purchased 152 acres of land from George Walton:

> "This Indenture made this Twenty Sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and Sixty two Between George Walton of the one part and Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford of the other Part Witnesseth that the sd. George Walton for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine Pounds to him in hand paid the Recit whereof he Doth hereby Acknowledge hath granted Bargained and sold and by these Presents Doth Grant Bargin and Sell unto the Said Joseph Wright and to his Heirs and assigns for one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing one hundred fifty two acres being part of a Tract of Land Containing three hundred and four acres Granted to the Said Walton by Pattent Bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of March one Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Two in the second year of our Reign, Situated lying and being in the Said County of Bedford on Stanton River Begining at a Black Walnut Tree on the River thence up the Said River to a Spanish oak on the Said River Opposite to the Mouth of Linvils Creek thence one Deviding Line across so as Equally to Devide the sd. Tract Thence on the pattent Line to the First Station Together with all Houses and Edifices Buildings Yards Gardings Orchards

Waterways Prophets Comadites Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the Same Belonging and the Revertion and Revirtions Rents and Prophets there of and all the Estate Right Title and Property of them the Said George Walton of in or to the Same To have and to hold the Said one hundred and fifty two acres of Land with all the appertenances unto the Said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns forever and the said George Walton doth for him his Heirs hereby Covenant and agree to and with the Said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns that he the said said George Walton and his Heirs Shall and will Warrant and for forever Defend the Said Barganed Land to the Said Joseph Wright and his Heirs and assigns from all person or Persons Whatsoever In Witness Whereof the Said George Walton hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and year First above Written.

Signed Sealed & Deliverd) George Walton
in Presents of)

Memorandum that on the 26th day of September 1762 Livery of Seizen of the within Sold Land and Premises was made Done and by the within Names George Walton to the Within named Joseph Wright according to Law.

George Walton

At a Court Held for Bedford County September 28th 1762. This Indenture and Memorandum of Livery of Seizen hereon Indorsed ware acknowledged by George Walton Party Thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ben Howard C.B.C."

In addition, on September 20, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 2/83 John Wright purchased 152 acres of land from George Walton:

"This Indenture made this Twentyeth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Sixty two Between George Walton of the one part and John Wright of the County of Bedford of the other Part Witnesseth that the said George Walton for and in Consideration of the Sum of Nine Pounds to him in hand paid the Rect. whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge hath Granted Barganed and Sold and by these Presents doth Grant Bargan and Sell unto the Said John Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land Containing one hundred and fifty two acres being Part of a Tract Containing three hundred and Four acres Granted to George Walton by Pattent Bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two in the Second Year of our Reign, Situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on Stanton River Begining at a White oak on the Said River aforesaid

then Down the River to a Spanish Oak opposite to the Mouth of Levils Creek Thence one line a cross so as Equally to Devide the said Tract of Land Thence a long the Pattent Line to the First Station Together with all houses Edifices Buildings Yards Gardings Orchards waterways Profits Commodites Heridetements and appertenances to the same belonging and the Revirtion and Revirtions Rents and Prophets thereof and all the Estate Right and Title of him the said George Walton of in or to the Same to have and to hold the said one hundred and fifty Two acres of Land with all the Appurtenances unto the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns forever and the said George Walton Doth for himself his Heirs hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said John Wright his Heirs and assigns that he the said George Walton and his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever Defend the Said Bargained Land to the Said John Wright and his Heirs and assigns from all Person or Persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the Said George Walton hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the Day and Year First above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered) Geo Walton
in Presents of)

Memorandum that on the 28th day of September 1762 Levery and Seizen of the within Sold Land and Premises was made Done and by the within Named George Walton to the Within Named John Wright according to Law.

Geo Walton

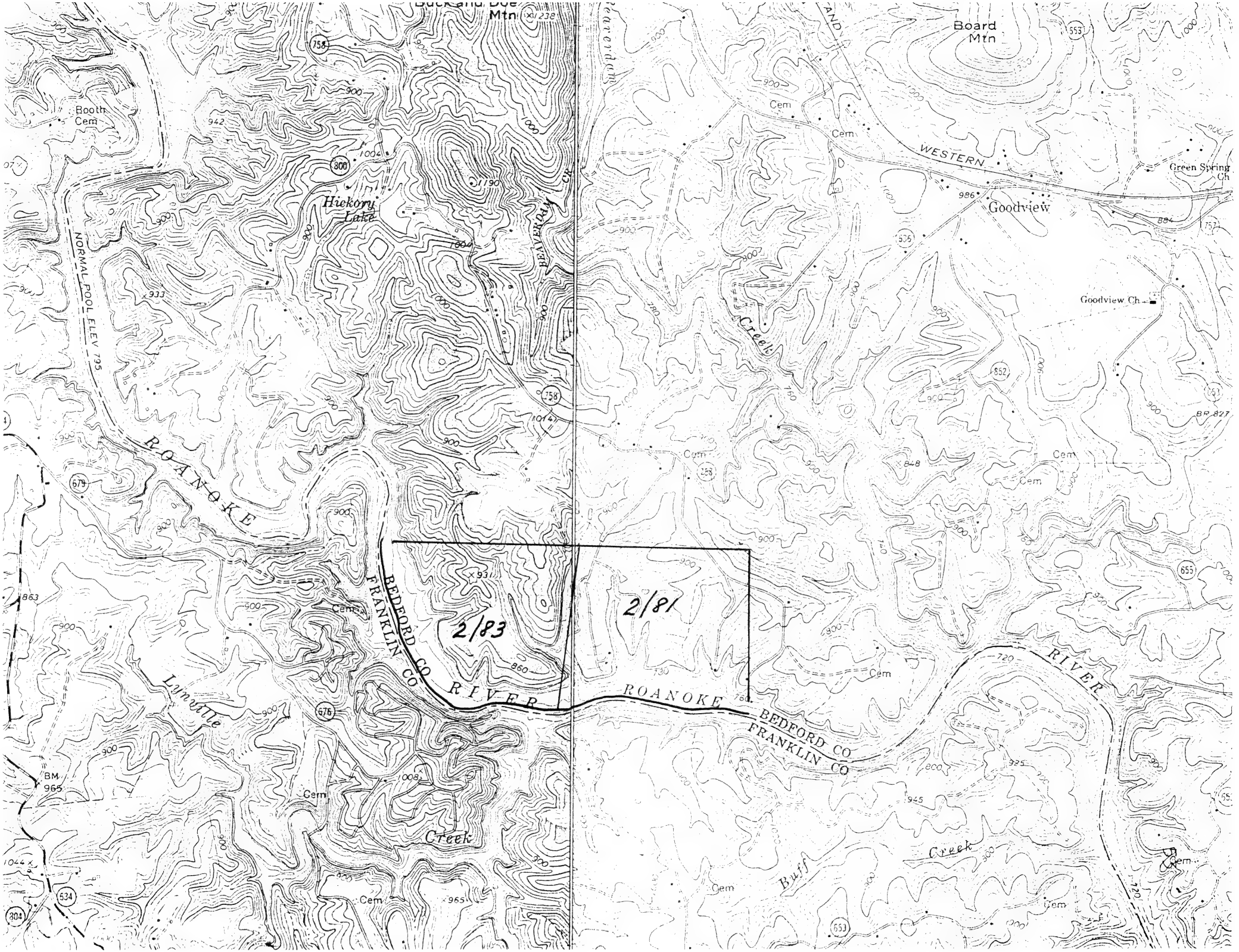
At a Court Held for Bedford County September 28th 1762. This Indenture and Memorandum of Livery of Seizen ____ Indorsed ware acknowledged by George Walton Party thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ben Howard C.B.C."

The legal descriptions in these two deeds are insufficient to locate the land on Staunton River, but the legal description of Patent Deed 34/_ dated May 25, 1762, for 304 acres provides a sufficient legal description to locate Bedford County, Virginia, Deeds 2/81 and 2/83:

". . . . One Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Three hundred and four Acres Lying and being in the County of Bedford on the North side of Stanton River and Bounded as followeth (to wit) Begining at a black Walnut Tree on the River thence new Lines North one hundred and sixty two poles to a small Hiccory West three hundred and seventy four poles to a White Oak on Staunton River aforesaid thence down the said River as it Meanders to the first Station . . . ."

There is only one place across from Lynville (Levil's or Linvils) Creek where such a description would give a closed boundary for the land and that is shown on the map on the following page. Furthermore, review of the descriptions in Bedford County, Virginia, Deeds 2/81 and 2/83 makes it clear that Joseph Wright owned the right or easterly of the two tracts. The river flows from west to east and Joseph Wright's line ran from a corner black walnut tree up the river to a Spanish oak opposite Lynville Creek; John Wright's line ran from a corner white oak down the river to a Spanish oak opposite Lynville Creek. Thus Joseph Wright's land was down-river or to the east and John Wright's land was up-river or to the west. The exact location of the dividing line cannot be determined from these descriptions, but it should run from the mouth of Linville Creek dividing the 304 acre tract approximately in two and the map shows an approximation of that line.



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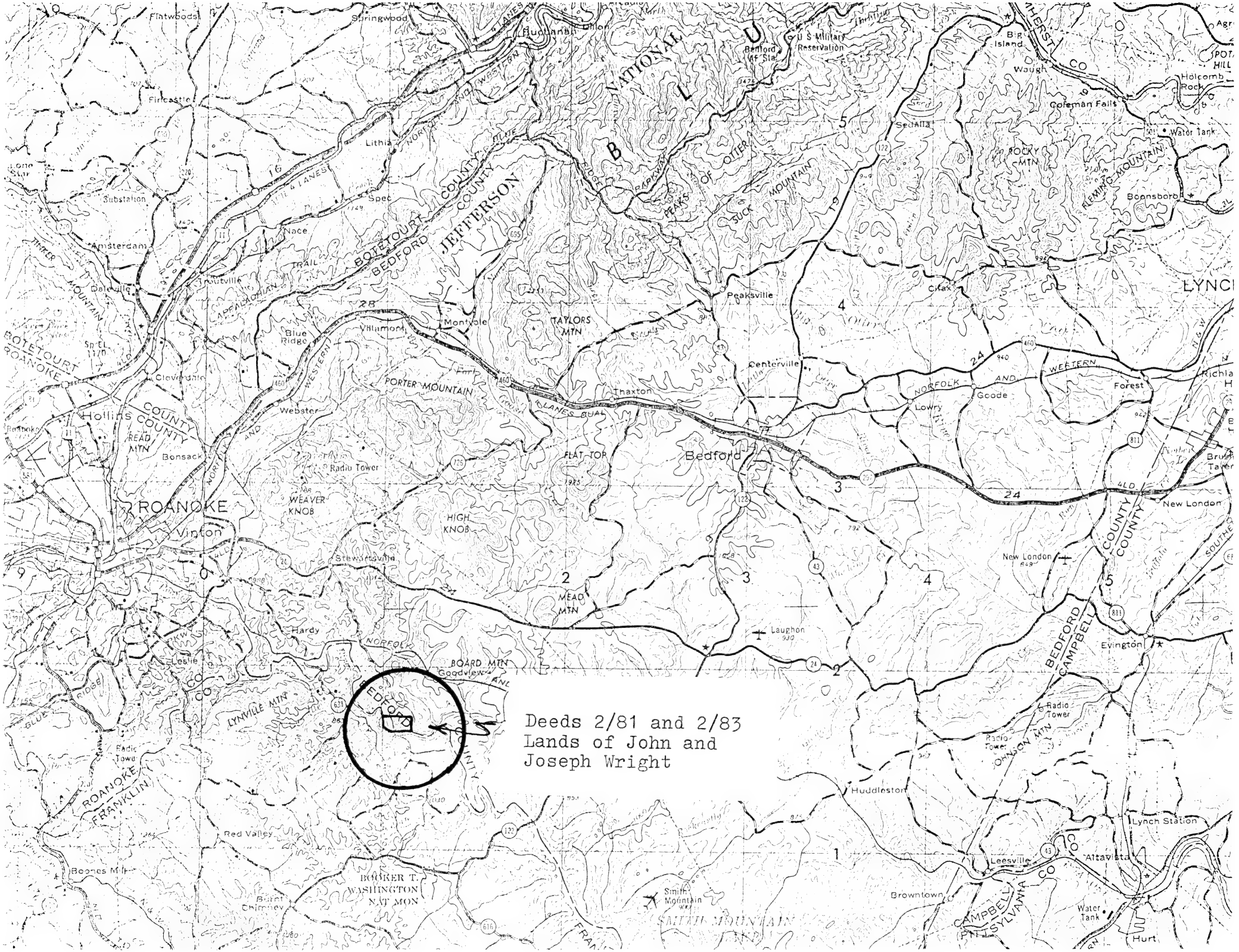
Deeds 2/81 and 2/83
Lands of John and
Joseph Wright
ROANOKE
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Centerville
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Villamont
Blue Ridge
Webster
Bonsack
Radio Tower
Stewartsville
Hardy
Leslie
Goodview
Huddleston
Leesville
Altavista
Lynch Station
Evington
New London
Forest
Goode
Lowry
Citax
Sedalia
Big Island
Waugh
Coleman Falls
Holcomb Rock
Water Tank
Boonsboro
Lithia
Spec
Nace
Amsterdam
Troutville
Daleville
Cloverdale
Fincastle
Flatwoods
Springwood
Buchanan
Dillon
Bedford AF Sta
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Laughon
Smith Mountain
Browntown
Red Valley
Boones Mill
Burnt Chimney
Radio Tower
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Water Tank
Hurt
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON NAT MON
BOTETOURT COUNTY
BEDFORD COUNTY
JEFFERSON NATIONAL
PEAKS OF OTTER
SUCK MOUNTAIN
ROCKY MTN
FLEMING MOUNTAIN
TAYLORS MTN
PORTER MOUNTAIN
FLAT TOP
HIGH KNOB
WEAVER KNOB
MEAD MTN
BOARD MTN
LYNVILLE MTN
JOHNSON MTN
SMITH MOUNTAIN
ROANOKE COUNTY
FRANKLIN COUNTY
CAMPBELL COUNTY
BEDFORD COUNTY
CAMPBELL CO
PITTSYLVANIA CO
NORFOLK AND WESTERN
APPALACHIAN TRAIL
BLUE RIDGE
PARKWAY
4 LANES
4 LANES DUAL
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The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Joseph Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Itam I give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph one Shilling Sterling: . . . ."

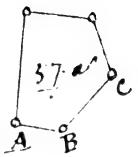
On December 13, 1762, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/365 and S.B. 3/198 Joseph Wright obtained a survey for 57 acres of land:

"Decr 13th 1762

Surveyed for Joseph Wright 57 Acres of land On the North Side of Stanton River, Begining at his Corner Hicory N 20 E 47 poles to a poplar N 40 W 76 poles to a White Oak S 81 W 61 poles to a White Oak S 15 W 64 poles to Pointers in his line Along S 68 E 122 poles to the Begining

By Is. Talbot Ass Sr."

A copy of that survey appears on the following page:



Decr 13th 1768.
Surveyed for Joseph Wright 57 Acres of Land in Redford County on the N. Side of Stanton River Beginning at his Co. Hicory N 20 E 47 poles to a Poplar N 40 W 76 poles to a whe S 81 W 61 poles to a whe S 15 W 64 poles to Painters in his own line along) S 68 E 122 poles to the Beg —

On July 24, 1774, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 5/276 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 130 acres of land from Thomas Day:

"This Indenture made the 24th Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four Between Thomas Day of Bedford County of the one Part and Joseph Wright of the same County of the other Part Witnesseth, that the said Thomas Day for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge hath Bargained Sold and Confirmed and by these presents doth Grant Bargain Sell and Confirm unto the Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever one Certain tract or percel of Land Containing One Hundred and Thirty Acres more or less lying and being in Bedford County and on the lower side of Beaver Dam Creek on Staunton River which said parcel of land is part of a Survey of Two Hundred and four acres of Land taken by Matthias Reece and by him convey'd to the said Thomas Day and that the said Thomas Day was and now is Lawfully seized of an Estate in fee Simple of in and to the same and hath good rightfull power and absolute Authority to sell and Convey the said One Hundred and Thirty acres as above Mentioned be the same either more or less to the said Joseph Wright together with all Houses Orchards Gardens Fences woods and underwoods waters and Water Courses thereon Standing growing or being with all profits Commodities Advantages and Appurtenances Whatsoever to the same belonging or in anywise appurtaining and also the Reversion and Reversions Remainders and Remainder thereof and every part and part thereof to have and to Hold the said tract or parcel of Land as above Mentioned with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said Thomas Day for himself and his Heirs doth Covenant Grant and agree to and with the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns and every of them shall and may at all times hereafter peaceably and Quietly have hold use Occupy and injoy the said Granted Land and premisses and clear from all manner of incumbrances whatsoever and the said Thomas Day and his Heirs shall and will warrant and forever defend the said Granted Land and Premisses with Appurtenancese unto the Said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever against all and every other person or persons whatsoever that shall lay any Claim thereunto In Witness whereof the said Thomas Day hath hereunto set his hand affixt his Seal the day and Year first above writteh.

Signed Sealed & Deli-
vered in the presence of
William Ball
John Spradlin
Rachel Spradlin

Thomas His X Marke Day

Memorandum, That on the day and Year within mentioned Quiet and peaceable possession and Seizen of the within Granted Land and Premisses was made done and delivered by the within named Thomas Day to the within named Joseph Wright According to form and effect of the within Deed.

In the presence of

Thomas His X Marke Day

At a Court held for Bedford County January 23d 1775.

This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon indorsed were Acknowledged by Thomas Day Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
Ja. Steptoe C.C."

The legal description of the deed is insufficient to draw a plat of the parcel. However, the lower side of Beaverdam Creek means the side further downstream and since the Staunton River flows from west to east, this land must be located on the east side of Beaverdam Creek.

On September 27, 1779, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 6/330 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 225 acres of land from George Walton:

"This Indenture made the 27th day of September in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine Between George Walton of the County of Prince Edward of the one Part and Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the other Part Witnesseth that the said George Walton for and in Consideration of the full and just sum of Forty Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright the Receipt whereof he the said George Walton Doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargained and sold and by these Presents doth give grant bargain sell deliver and confirm to him the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate Lying and being in the County of Bedford on the Branches of Beaverdam Creek Containing Two hundred and Twenty Five acres be the same more less Bounded as followes Viz Beginning where Pates Line Crosses the Road thence along his lines South Ten degrees west Thirty Six poles to white oak west Sixty Poles to a Red Oak South Sixty five degrees west one Hundred and forty six Poles to a pine along the Patent lines South seven degrees East one Hundred poles to a Pine East Two Hundred and Ten Poles to a White Oak along Pates Line North Twenty poles to a pine North twenty two

Degrees East one Hundred and forty four Poles to the Road and thence up the Road to the first Station together with all and Singular the Priveledges and Appurtenances thereunto Belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the above sold land and Premises to them the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever to have Hold use Occupy possess and enjoy the same with every part and Parcel thereof to him the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever Against him the said George Walton his Heirs or Assigns and against the Claim and Demand of all Persons whatsoever in Witness whereof he the said George Walton hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and Year first above Written.

Signd Seald and Deli-
vered In presence of

George Walton

Memorandum that on the day and Year first within mentioned Quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizen of the within mentioned Land and Premises was given and made by George Walton to Joseph Wright to the Tenor of the within Written Indenture.

Witnesses

George Walton

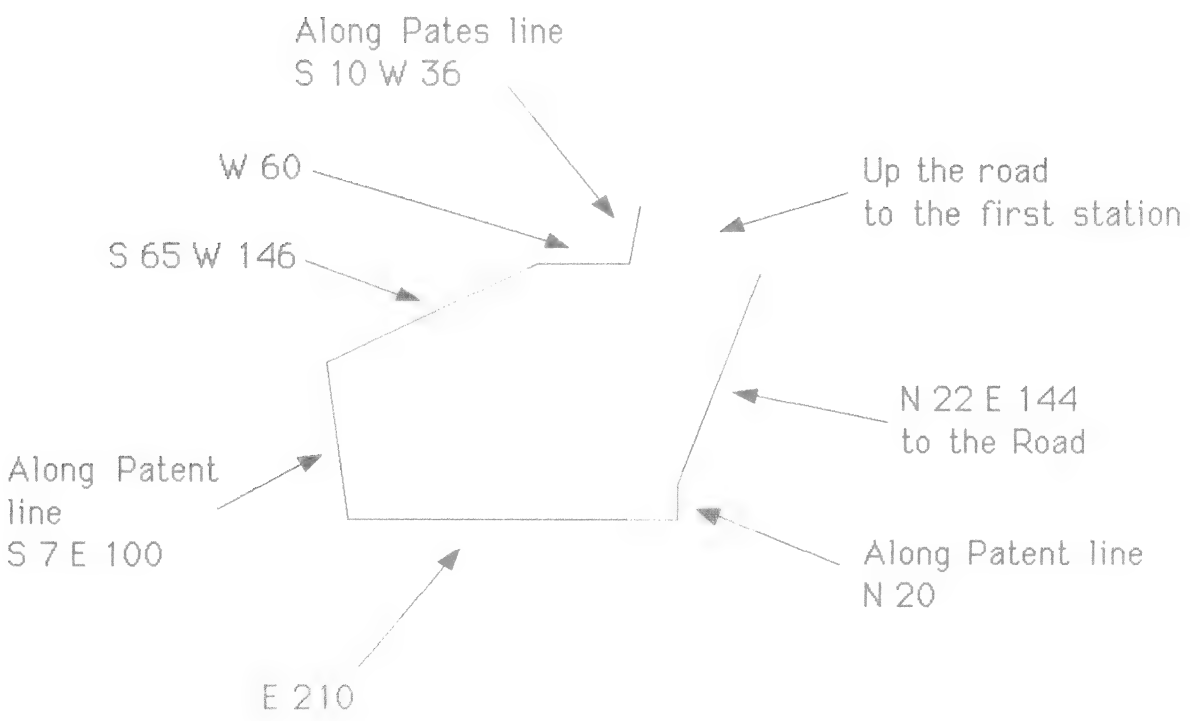
At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of September 1779. This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by George Walton Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J Steptoe CC"

A plat of the boundaries appears on the following page.

Bedford County, Virginia,

Deed 6/330

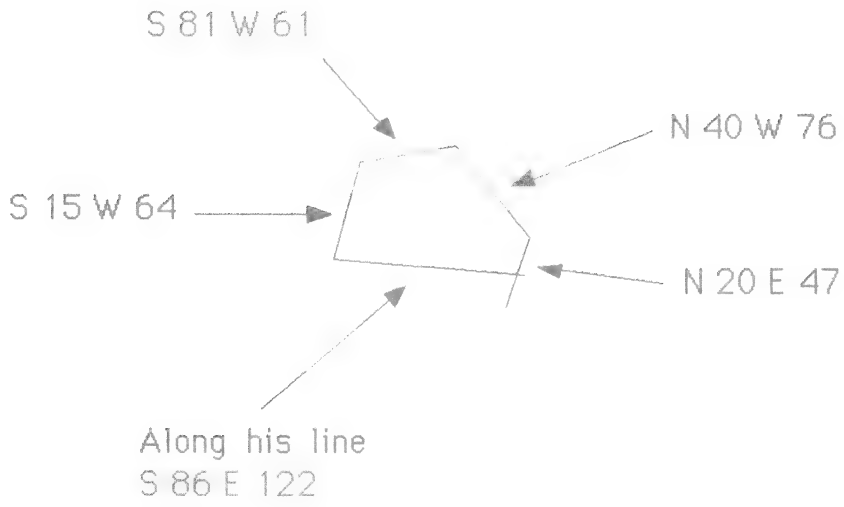


On September 1, 1780, by Patent Deed E/592 Joseph Wright acquired 57 acres of land:

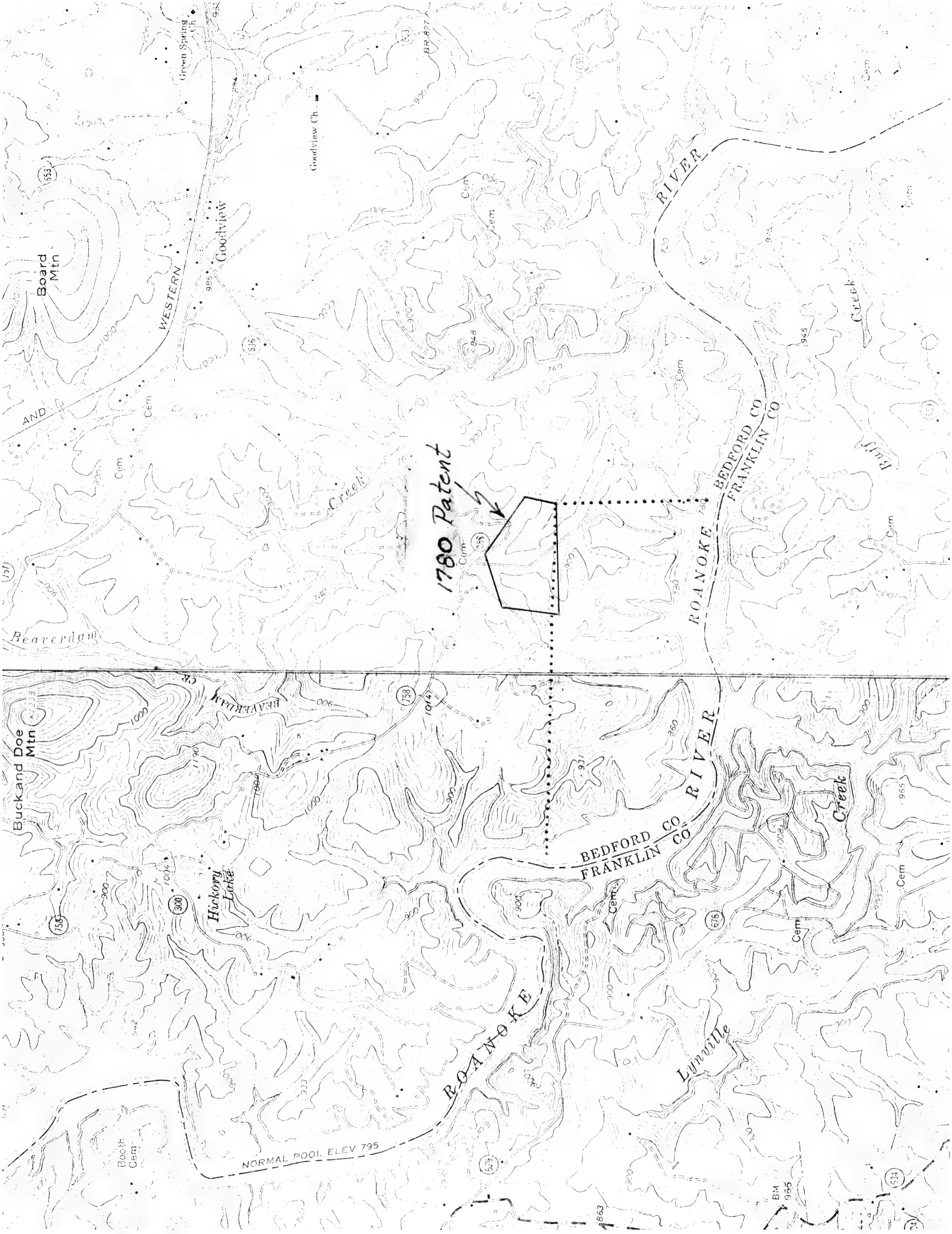
> "Thomas Jeffersen Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting: know ye that in consideration of the Ancient Composition of Ten Shillings Sterling paid by Joseph Wright into the Treasury of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Joseph Wright a certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Fifty Seven Acres by Survey bearing date the thirteenth day of December One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two Lying and being in the County of Bedford on the North Branches of Staunton River and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at his own Corner Hickory thence off, North twenty Degrees East forty Seven poles to a Poplar North forty Degrees West Seventy six poles to a white Oak South Eighty one Degrees West Sixty one Poles to a white oak South fifteen Degrees West Sixty four Poles and Thence along his Line South Eighty six Degrees East One hundred and twenty two poles to the first Station, with its Appurtenances to have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Thomas Jefferson Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and Caused the seal of the said Commonwealth to be Affixed at Richmond on the first day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty and of the Commonwealth the fifth.
>
> Thomas Jefferson"

This is the same land as that described in Bedford County S.B. 3/198. The last line of the legal description should read "South sixty eight Degrees" rather than "South eighty-six Degrees". Without that correction, a plat of the boundaries as described appears as follows:

Patent Deed E/592



Since the survey from which the legal description was taken was completed on December 13, 1762, there can be only one location for this land and that is on the northern edge of Deed 2/81, the only land a Joseph Wright owned in December 1762 and thus the only land which would qualify for the description "along his line South Eighty six Degrees East One hundred and twenty two poles." Deed 2/81 has a northern edge boundary that is described in George Walton's Patent Deed of 1762 as going "West three hundred and seventy four poles" from "a small Hiccory." Allowing for a surveying error of four degrees, which is not substantial in a wooded, hilly, undeveloped area, the September 1, 1780, Patent Deed E/592 seems to be clearly placed adjacent to and on the northern edge of Deed 2/81, as shown on the map on the following page.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BEDFORD CO
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Lynville
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
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Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Books 6/347A and 6/352 listed three payments to Joseph Wright for provisions furnished the army during the Revolution. 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of 1814 John Wright of Bedford County, resided in Bedford County at this time and was old enough to have been the provider, so it is not possible to identify which Joseph Wright furnished the provisions.

On August 28, 1781, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/75 Joseph Wright purchased 120 acres of land from Matthew Talbot:

> "This Indenture made this 28th day of August 1781, Between Matthew Talbot of the one part and Joseph Wright of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Mathew Talbot for and in Consideration of the sum of Forty Pounds Current Money to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth hearby acknoledge Hath Bargained & Sold & by these presents do Bargain & Sell aline Enfeoff Release Deliver and Confirm unto the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever one Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing one Hundred & Twenty acres (be the same more or less) Lying and being in the County of Bedford on the South Side of Stanton River and Bounded as followeth (towit) Begining at a Red Oak on Stanton River Thence of South Fifty Two degrees East fifty six poles to a Hickory South Ten degrees East fifty six Poles to a pine South Fifty six degrees East one Hundred & Eight poles to a red Oak South Nine degrees East Eighty one poles to a pine South Sixty three degrees East twenty four Poles to a white Oak North forty five degrees East Twenty Poles to an Ash on the River aforesaid and thence up the same as it meanders to the first station to have and to hold the above Granted Land and premises unto the sd. Joseph Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever and the said Matthew Talbot Doth for himself and his Heirs Covenant and agree to and with the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns that he the said Matthew Talbot and his Heirs the above Granted Land and premises in an undefeasable fee Simple Estate unto the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns against the Claim or Demand of all & every person or persons whatsoever shall and will by these presents Warrant & forever defend In Witness whereof the sd. Mathew Talbot hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day & year above Written.
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> In presence of us Mathew Talbot

At a Court held for Bedford County 28th August 1781.

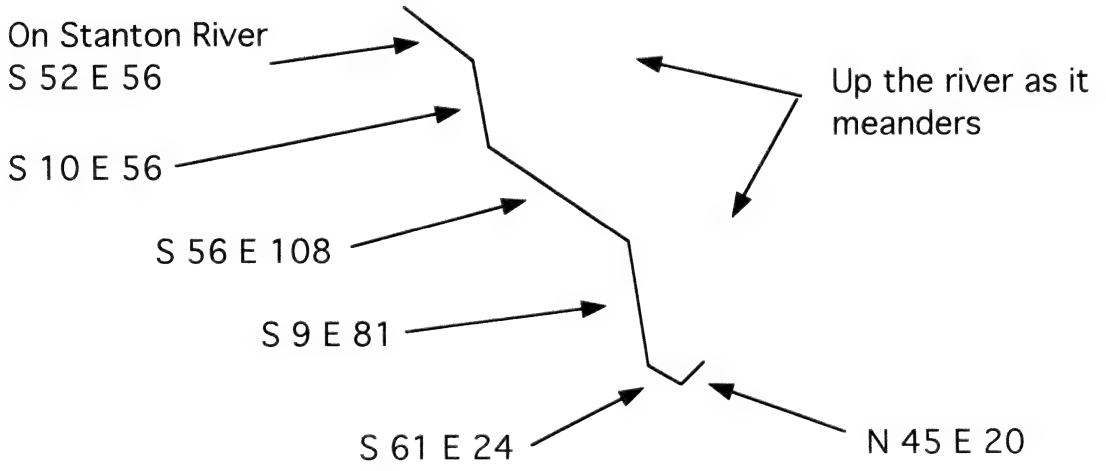
This Indenture was acknowledged by Matthew Talbot Party thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
J Steptoe, CC"

The location of this land on the south side of the Staunton River located it in an area which became part of Franklin County when that county was formed in 1786. A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 7/75



The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of 1814 John Wright of Bedford County, and the other of whom was 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and who had the following household:

Name	Free Males above 21 yrs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle	White Ty above 16 yrs	Blk Tithes above 16 yrs
Joseph Wright	1	1	5	26	2	1

The listing of one white tithe over 21 and two white tithes between 16 and 21 indicates that Joseph Wright's second oldest son was born between 1761 and 1766. The oldest son Thomas was separately listed in the 1782 Personal Property Tax List.

The 1782 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Stanton with the following property:

Name	___	Acres	Value Pounds, Shillings
Joseph Wright Stanton	3/7	391	70.
ditto Joining J Wright	11d	225	10.

The second entry is consistent with the purchase of 225 acres of land in Deed 6/330; the first entry is inconsistent with the prior purchases in Deed 2/81 for 152 acres, Deed 5/276 for 130 acres, Patent Deed E/592 for 57 acres, and Deed 7/75 for 120 acres, a total of 459 acres.

There was also a second Joseph Wright listed in the 1782 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, described as Joseph Wright on ye Mountain, with the following property:

Name	___	Acres	Shillings	Value Pounds,
Joseph Wright on ye Mountain	1/3	557	30.	

I have been unable to locate the deeds by which this 557 acres of land was acquired and, as will be set forth below in connection with a later purchase of land, it reflects a second entry for 1815 Joseph Wright for land located separately from his other land.

On March 25, 1782, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 6/338 Joseph Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Whitehead Ryan:

> "On the mo. of Joseph Wright Admon. is Granted him on the Estate of Whitehead Ryan Decd. who made Oath thereto & gave Bond & Sec'y acg to Law."

On May 27, 1782, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/137 Joseph Wright purchased 150 acres of land from William Mead:

> "This Indenture made this 27th day of May one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Two Between William Mead of Bedford County of the one part and Joseph Wright of the sd. County of the other Part Witnesseth that the sd. William Mead for & in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Pounds to him in hand Paid the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath Granted Bargained and sold and by these Presents Doth Grant Bargain and sell unto the said Joseph Wright One Hundred and fifty acres of Land Part of sd. Meads Order of Council on the South Side of Stanton River Cald. Bruffs Place Bounded as follows Viz: Begining at Balls Corner Chestnut Oak on a High Clift thence along his Lines South Thirteen degrees west Ninety Six Poles to his Corner Red Oak South Ten degrees East forty Eight Poles to his Corner Poplar Off New Lines South Eighty degrees west one Hundred and Twenty Poles to a Red Oak by a Path North Ten degrees West one Hundred and Seventy Poles to a white oak on the sd. River & Down as it Meanders to the Beginning Together with all the appurtenances to the same Belonging To have and to hold the said Granted Land and Premises with all the appurtenances to the same Belonging unto him the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said William Mead Doth by these Presents Warrant and forever Defend the sd. Granted Land and Premises with all the appurtenances to the same Belonging from him the said William Mead his Heirs and Assigns and from all other Persons whatsoever unto the sd. Joseph Wright his Heirs and Assigns forever In Witness whereof the said William Mead hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the day & Year above Written
>
> W Mead
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> Memo
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> That on the day & Year within Written quiet and Peaceable possession & Livery of Seisen of the within Granted Land & Premises was made done & Executed by

the within Named William Mead unto the said Joseph Wright according to the within Written Deed.

W Mead

At a Court held for Bedford County 27th May 1782

This Indenture Together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by William Mead Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
Ja Steptoe CC"

In October 1782 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 7/8 Joseph Wright was appointed to view the way for a road from the mouth of Linville Creek:

"Joseph Wright, William Hix, James Board, & John Dent or any three of them are appd. to view a way from the mouth of Linville Creek to this place & make return."

The location of his land across from or on Linville Creek identifies this Joseph Wright as 1815 Joseph Wright.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was Joseph Wright, Jr., and the other of whom had the following household:

Name	No White & Blk Tithes	Tax on Covering Horses	Whites Over 21	Blacks Over 16	Blacks under 16	Total Blacks
Joseph Wright	2		1	1	1	2

No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Wheels R Carriages	Ordinary License
4	20		

Since 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, was younger than 1815 Joseph Wright of Beford County, the reference to Joseph Wright, Jr., is to that younger Joseph Wright.

The 1783 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, has not as yet been located.

On December 2, 1783, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/475 Joseph Wright obtained a survey for 270 acres of land:

> "Decr. 2nd 1783, Survey.d for Joseph Wright 270 Acres of Land Situate in Bedford County, Beg. at Gabriel Keiths Co Chesnut on the S. fork of Beaverdam Creek, Thence off along the County hill, S 47 W 134 poles to a Chesnut S 85 W 28 poles to a Hicory S 65 W 48 poles to a Hicory S 52 W 80 poles to a Hicory, S 31 W. 40 poles to a Hicory S 36 E 128 poles to a wh.o N. 71 E 166 poles to Jarrots line Thence along his line N 6 E 20 poles to a Red Oak N 42 E Crossing a Br. 78 poles to Pointers N 15 W 160 poles to the first Station
>
> By Wm Cavenough Asst to
> William Callaway Sr"

The April 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was described as Joseph Wright (mountain) and the other of whom had the following household:

Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg. Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
Joseph Wright	2		1	1	

Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Weals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
1	4	20		

The 1784 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Stanton with the following property:

Name	[Quantity of Acres]	[Average price pr Acre]	[Amount Valuation]	[Tax at 1½ pr Cent]
Joseph Wright Stanton	311	9.10	152.18.2	2.5.10½
Do	225	2.6	28.2.6	8.5½
Do	200	7.1	70.16.8	1.1.3

This record reflects an adjustment of the amount of land owned to 311 acres and 225 acres for the first four deeds. The additional 200 acres of land listed in the Tax List probably represented land acquired by Joseph Wright by reason of the death of his second wife Judith (Pate) Wright. As will be set forth more fully below, Edward Pate bequeathed 200 acres of land to his daughter Judith Pate in 1768. 1815 Joseph Wright was married twice and the second marriage was probably before 1776. 1815 Joseph Wright made a gift of 200 acres of land formerly owned by Edward Pate to Joseph's son 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County as part of a larger gift of 300 acres of land and there is no deed record showing the acquisition of that land by Joseph Wright. The implication is clear that Joseph Wright acquired the land by inheritance from his second wife Judith (Pate) Wright at her death without any formal recording of the transfer.

The 1784 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed a second Joseph Wright with the following property:

Name	[Quantity of Acres]	[Average price pr Acre]	[Amount Valuation]	[Tax at 1½ pr Cent]
Joseph Wright	557	3.5	100.3.1	1.10.02
do	150	3.	22.10	6.9

As will be set forth below, this change of ownership reflects the purchase of 148 acres of land by Joseph Wright by Patent Deed M/294 and that land will be identified as clearly owned by 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County.

On July 8, 1784, by Patent Deed M/294 Joseph Wright acquired 148 acres of land:

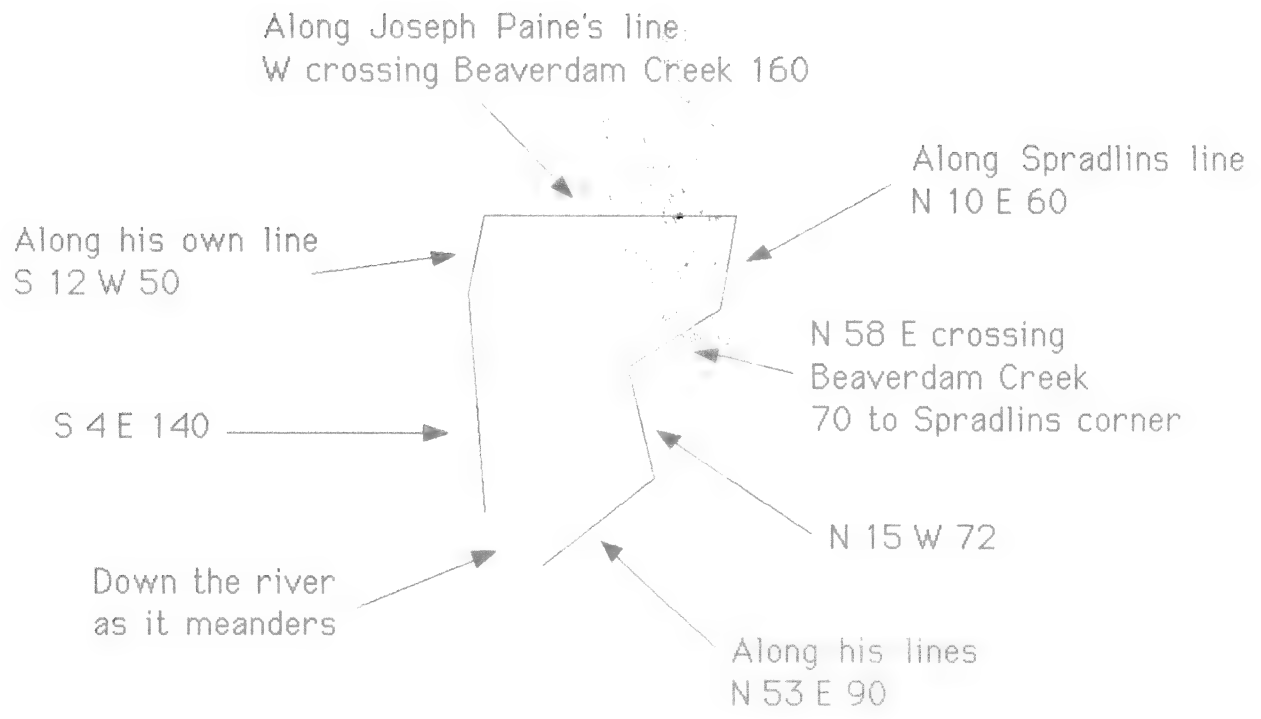
> "Benjamin Harrison Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting: Know ye, that in consideration of the

Ancient composition of fifteen shillings sterling paid by Joseph Wright into the Treasury of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Joseph Wright a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing one Hundred and forty eight Acres by survey bearing date the twenty seventh day of November on Thousand seven hundred and eighty two lying and being in the County of Bedford on the North side of stanton river on both sides of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as followeth, To Wit, Beginning at his own Corner White Walnut on the Bank of the River thence along his lines North fifty three degrees East ninety poles to his Corner white oak North fifteen degrees West seventy two poles to his Corner Pine North fifty Eight degrees East Crossing Beaverdam Creek seventy poles to spradlins Corner White Oak thence along spradlins line North ten degrees East sixty poles to his and Josiah Pain's Corner Pine thence along paines line West Crossing Beaverdam Creek one Hundred and sixty poles to his and his own Corner Pointers, thence along his own lines south twelve degrees West fifty poles to his Corner Pointers south four degrees East one hundred and forty poles to his Corner Black Walnut on santon aforesaid and down the said river as it meanders to the first Station with its Appurtenances; to have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land, with its Appurtenances, to the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said Benjamin Harrison Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and Caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty four and of the Commonwealth the Ninth

Benjamin Harrison"

A plat of the boundaries appears as follows:

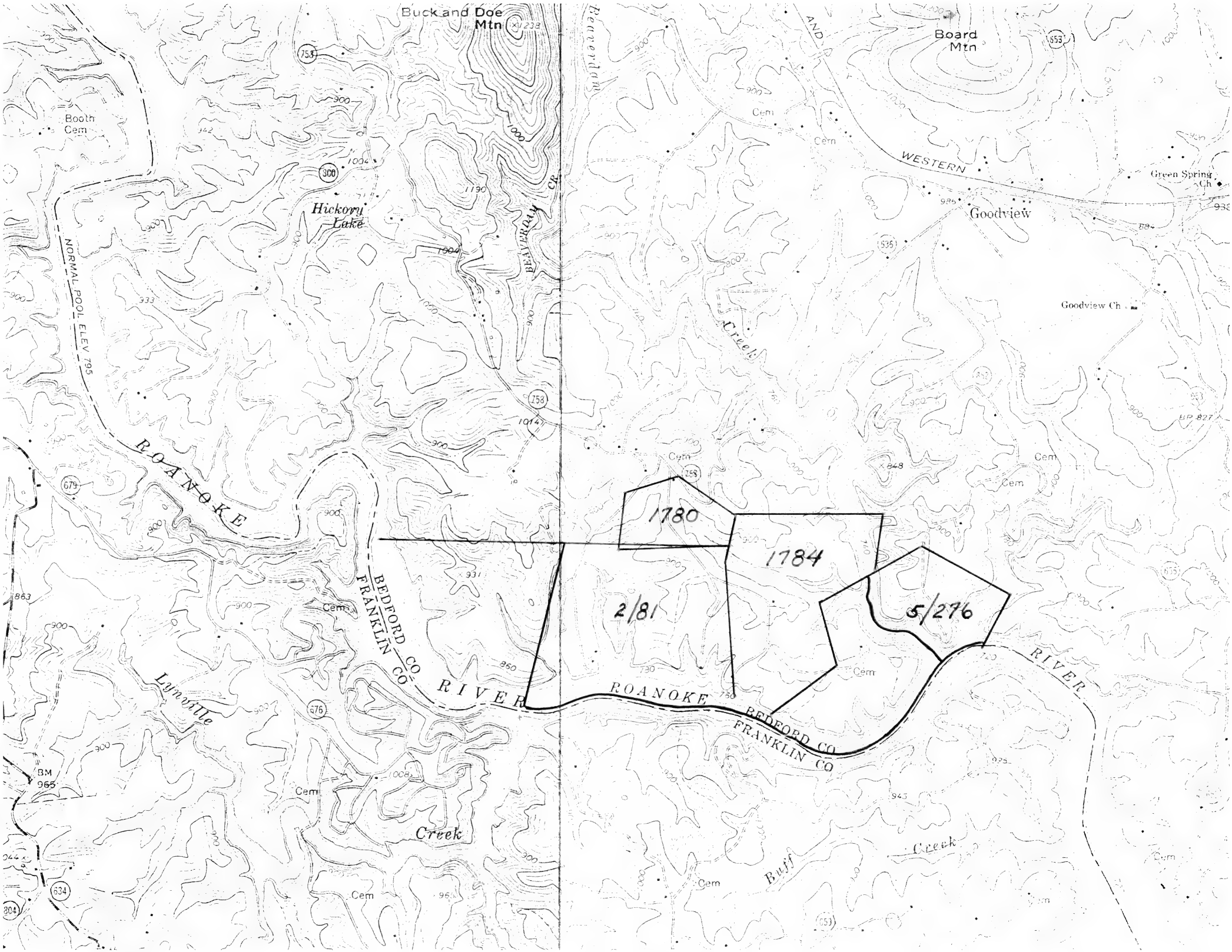
Patent Deed M/294



Given that the western boundary joined "his own", that is Joseph Wright's land, and that the southern boundary bordered the Staunton River, and given the two lines which cross Beaver Dam Creek, there is only one place where this land could be and that is to the east of and adjacent to Deed 2/81 and Patent Deed E/592. The discrepancy between the western border of the 1784 Patent Deed and the eastern border of Patent Deed M/294 is approximately eight degrees. However, the conjunction of these three deeds seems quite clear and the differences in the legal descriptions, which are minor, are almost certainly due to survey errors.

In addition, as mentioned above in the discussion of Bedford County Deeds 5/276 and 2/443, the eastern boundary of Patent Deed M/294 coincided with the western boundary of Deed 2/443, from which deed the land of Bedford County Deed 5/276 was taken.

The map on the following page shows the location of all of the land (other than Bedford County Deed 6/330 which is off the map) which was acquired by a Joseph Wright prior to July 24, 1784, the first time that a Joseph Wright sold land in Bedford County.



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ROANOKE
RIVER
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FRANKLIN CO
Lynville
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1780
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2/81
5/276

On July 24, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/350 1815 Joseph Wright sold 60 acres of land to John Harman:

"This Indenture made this 24th day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and Eighty four, Between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part and John Harman of the same County of the other part Witnesseth. That the said Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of Forty pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in Hand paid by the said John Harman the Receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge hath Bargained, Sold and Confirmed and by these presents doth Grant Bargain, Sell and Confirm unto the said John Harman his Heirs and Assigns forever, One certain Tract or parcel of land containing Sixty Acres be the same more or less, Lying and Being in Bedford County, and on the lower side of Beaver dam Creek on Stanton River, which said parcel of Land is part of a Survey of two Hundred and four Acres of Land taken by Matthias Reece and by him convey'd to Thomas Day, and from Thomas Day to Joseph Wright and that the said Joseph Wright was and now is lawfully seized of an Estate in Fee Simple of in and to the same, and hath Good Right, Full Power and Absolute Authority to sell and convey the Said Sixty Acres as above Mentioned be the same more or less to the said John Harman together with all Houses, Orchards, Gardens, Fences, Woods and Underwoods, Waters and Water Coarses thereon, Standing, Growing or being, with all profitts, Commodities, Advantages and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and also the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders thereof and of every part and parcel thereof. To Have And To Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land as above mentioned with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said John Harman his Heirs and assigns forever, and the said Joseph Wright for himself and his Heirs doth Covenant Grant and agree to and with the said John Harman his Heirs and Assigns and every of them shall and may at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold use Occupy and Enjoy the said Granted Land and Premises free and clear from all manner of Incumbrances whatsoever and the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs shall and Will Warrent and forever Defend the said Granted Land & Premises with Appurtenances unto the said John Harman his Heirs and Assigns forever gains all and every other Person or Persons Whatsoever that shall lay any Claim thereunto. In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright hath hereunto set his Hand and affixt his Seal the day and Year first above written

Signed Sealed & Deliver'd
In the Presents of us

Joseph Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th July 1784 This Indenture was Acknowledged by Joseph Wright a Party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
J: Steptoe C.C."

On July 24, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/375 1815 Joseph Wright sold 60 acres of land to Richard Blankenship:

"This Indenture made this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven Hundred and Eighty four, Between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Richard Blankenship of the same County of the other part -- Witnesseth, that the said Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the sum of twenty Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by Richard Blankenship the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath Bargained, sold, & confirmed and by these Presents doth grant, Bargain, Sell and Confirm unto the above named Richard Blankenship his Heirs and Assigns forever One Sertain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Sixty Acres more or Less lying and Being in Bedford County, and on the lower side of Jumping Run on Stanton River, which said parcel of Land is part of a Survey of two Hundred and four of Land, taken by Matthias Reece and by him convey'd to Thomas Day and from him convey'd to Joseph Wright, and that the said Joseph Wright was and now is Lawfully Seizd of an Estate in Fee Simple of, in, and to the same and hath good Right, full Power and Absolute Authority to sell and convey the said Sixty Acres as above mentioned be the same more or less to the said Richard Blankenship, together with all Houses Orchards, Gardens, Fences, Woods and Underwoods, Waters and Watercourses thereon standing, growing or being, with all Profits, Commodities, Advantages, and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appurtaining and also the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders thereof and of every part and parcel thereof To Have And To Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land as above mentioned with their and Every of their appurtenances unto the said Richard Blankenship his Heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph Wright for himself and his Heirs doth Covenant, grant, and agree to and with the said Richard Blankenship his Heirs and Assigns and Every of them shall and may all all Times hereafter peaceably and Quietly Have Hold, use, Occupy and Enjoy the said Land and Premises free and Clear from all Manner of Incumbrances Whatsoever and the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever Defend the said Granted Land and Premises with appurtenances unto The said Richard Blankenship his Heirs and Assigns forever against all and Every other Person or Persons whatsoever that shall lay any Claim thereunto, In Witness whereof the

said Joseph Wright hath hereunto set his Hand and Affixt his Seal the day and year first above Written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presents of us
Test.
Rob. Nimmo
Josiah Meador
John Harmun

Joseph Wright (L S)

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23d. day of August 1784.

This Indenture was acknowledged by Joseph Wright a Party thereto, & Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
Ja. Steptoe Cl.B.C."

The legal descriptions of Bedford County Deeds 7/350 and 7/375 clearly show that the two parcels sold by Joseph Wright in those deeds were substantially all of the tract purchased by him in 1774 in Bedford County Deed 5/276.

On about November 6, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Isham Talbot filed his complaint against Joseph Wright for payment of a debt of £1 and 15S:

"To the Worshipful Court of Bedford County Isham Talbot humbly sheweth That Joseph Wright stands indebted to him in the sum of £1.15.0 by Account and refuseth Payment: Wherefore Your Petitioner prays Judgment against him for the same with Costs

and shall pray &c

1783 Mr. Joseph Wright To Isham Talbot Dr.
To 1 Bull of the Vallue of £1.15

N.B. Jeremiah Pate &
Nathan Hurt (Witnesses)"

Isham Talbot

Given the early date of this complaint, it was probably against 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and not his son 1844 Joseph Wright or 1803 John Wright's son 1842

Joseph Wright, but it may have been against 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of 1814 John Wright of Bedford County.

On November 6, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Joseph Wright to answer the complaint of Isham Talbot for payment of a debt of £1 and 15S:

> "The Common Wealth of Virginia To the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting We Command You, Summon Joseph Wright to appear before our Justices of our said County Court, at the Courthouse of the said County on the 4th monday in November then and there to answer the Petition of Isham Talbot exhibited against him and have then there this Writ Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse the 6th Day of November in the ninth Year of our Independence
>
> Ja Steptoe C.C."

On November 6, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a subpoena was issued for Jeremiah Pate and Nathan Hurt to testify with regard to the complaint of Isham Talbot against Joseph Wright for payment of a debt of 1£ and 15S:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting we command you that you summon Jeremiah Pate & Nathan Hurt personally to appear before the Justices of our said County at the Court House on the 4th Monday in November, then & there to testify & the truth to say in behalf of Isham Talbot in a certain controversie then & there depending & undetermined & between Isham Talbot Plf & Joseph Wright Deft. in this fail not under the Penalty of £100 & have then there this Writ witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court at the Court House on the 6th day of November in the IX Year of our Independance
>
> Jas: Steptoe C.C."

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was described as (mountain) and the other of whom had the following household:

Person Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
Joseph Wright	2		1	1	

Total Blacks	Horses	Nett Cattle	No Wheals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
1	4	16		

The 1785 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Stant with the following property:

Landholder	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1__ pr___
Joseph Wright Stant	311	9.10	152.18.2	1.5.-
do	225	2.6	28.2.6	__
do	200	7.1	70.16	__

The 1785 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed a second Joseph Wright with the following property:

Landholder	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1__ pr___
Joseph Wright	557	3.5	100.3.1	1.10½
Ditto	150	3.	22.10	6.9

As set forth above, there are two separate listings for 1815 Joseph Wright. As evidence of the confusion of the records regarding the amount of land owned by Joseph Wright, none of the land sold in 1784 is reflected as a deduction in the land owned in the 1785 Land Tax List.

In March 1785 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 8/120 Joseph Wright was appointed to view a way for a road from the Staunton River to Maggoty Creek:

> "Ordered that Anthony Pate, John Charter Sr Jos: Wright, & John Early or any three of them be appd. to View a Way for a Road from the Widow Martins on Stanton River, to Slones Mill on Maggitty, & make Report"

On May 23, 1785, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/503 Joseph Wright sold 106 acres of land to Stephen Goggin:

"This Indenture made the 23d. day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty five between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Stephen Goggin of the said County of the other part Witnesseth That the said Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the sum of twenty five pounds Pounds Current Money of Virginia to me in hand paid the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge hath granted Bargained Sold Released and Confirm'd, & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell release and confirm unto the said Stephen Goggin and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, one certain Track of Land containing One Hundread & Six Acres Lying and being in the County of Bedford on both sides of Beaverdam Creek, and bounded as followeth, (to wit) Begining at Paynes corner Pine, South Sixty Six Poles to Spradlings, Farlows, Wrights White Oak, Thence on Wrights Line South thirty Degrees East seven poles to a pine, south forty two Degrees West Seventy two Poles crossing the Creek at thirty four Poles to White Oak, North fifty degrees West One Hundred & twenty Six poles to White Oak, North eight Degrees West thirty two Poles to a White Oak Wright & Paynes Corner, thence East to the Begining - with all woods, Swamps Meadows and all other profits and Commoditys to the same belonging and all the Estate, Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatever of them the said Joseph Wright of in and to the said Land and Premises and every part thereof, to have and to hold the said Track of Land and all other the before granted Premises with their appurtenances unto the said Stephen Goggin and to his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said Joseph Wright for his Heirs the said Land and premises against all persons claiming from by or under any pretence to the said Stephen Goggin Shall and will Warrant and forever Defend by these Presents whereof the said Joseph Wright hath hereunto Set his Hand and Seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of — Joseph Wright

On the 23 Day of May One thousand Seven Hundred & eighty five Livery and Seisen of the within Sold Land & premises acknowleaged to be made and done by the within named Joseph Wright to the within named Stephen Goggin for him his Heirs and Assigns forever

Witness

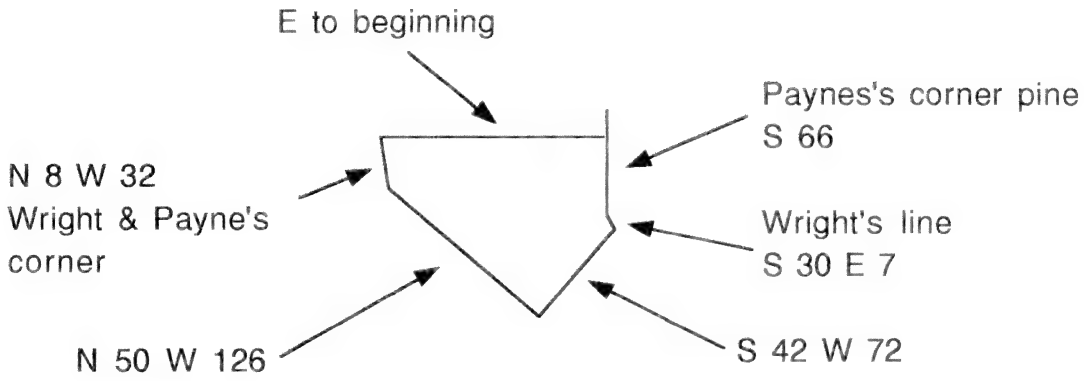
Joseph his X mark Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23d. day of May 1785. This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seizen thereon Indorsed were Acknowledged by Joseph Wright Party thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

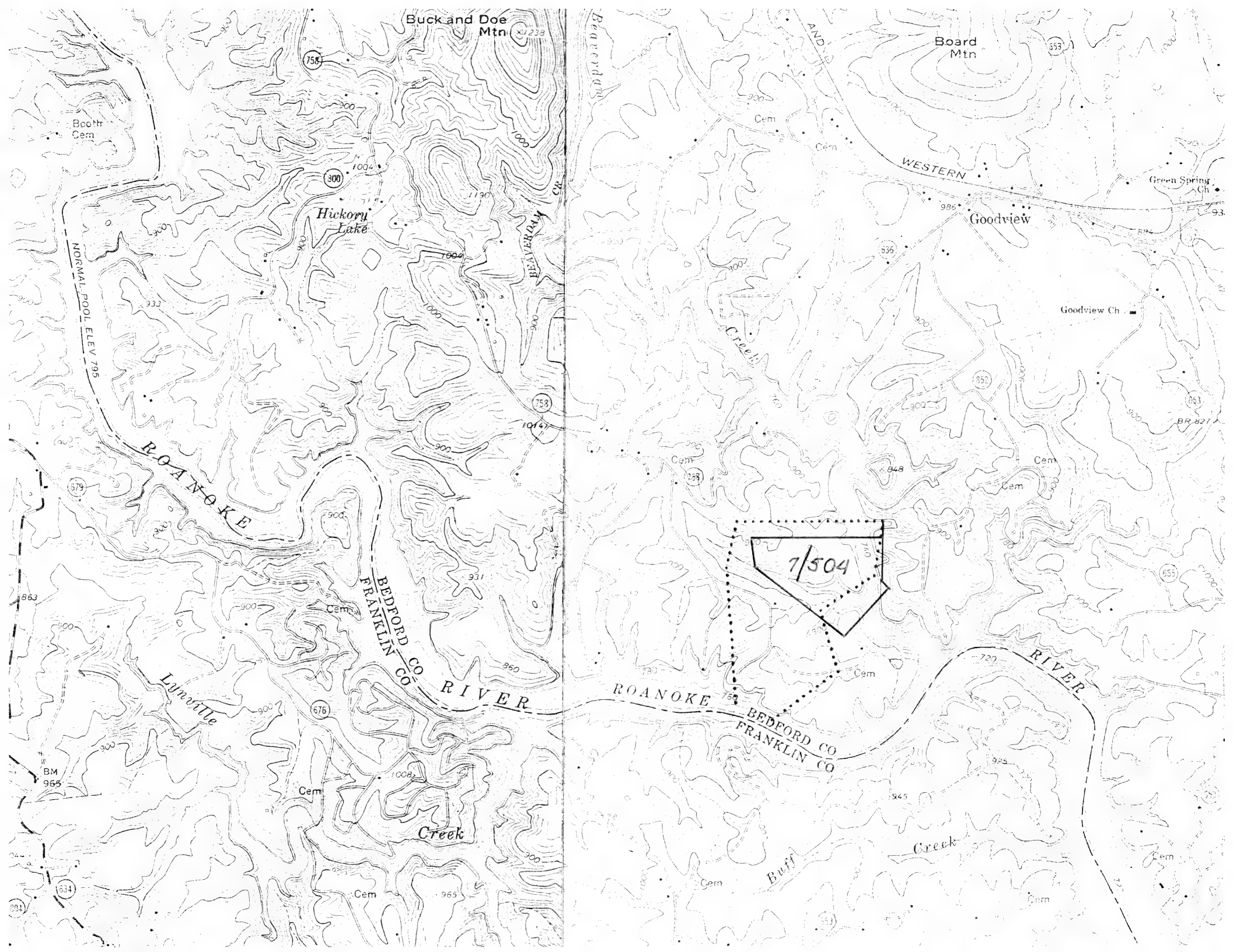
Teste,
Ja Steptoe Cl.B.C."

A plat of those boundaries appears as follows:

Bedford Counnty, Virginia
Deed 7/503



Since this was the third grant of land from a Joseph Wright and no grants to a Joseph Wright had been made between July 24, 1784, and May 23, 1785, the land in this deed must also be part of the land in the prior deeds to Joseph Wright other than Deed 5/276. Only one parcel of land conveyed to a Joseph Wright before 1785 fits the legal description of Deed 7/504. Deed 7/504 is obviously the sale of the northern portion of the 1784 Patent Deed, as shown on the map on the following page.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Cem
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Buff
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The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was described as (M) and the other of whom had the following household:

Persons Names	Total Tythes	Taxes on Covg Horses	Whites Over 21 Years	Blacks Over 16 Years
Joseph Wright	2		1	1

Blacks under 16 Years	Total Blacks	No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Wheels riding Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
	1	5	17		

The 1786 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jos. Wright (Stanton with the following property:

Land Holders	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1¼ pr Cent
Jos. Wright (Stanton	311	9.10	152.18.2	2.5.10½
ditto	225	2.6	28.2.6	8.52
ditto	200	7.1	20.16.8	1.1.3

The reference to "(Stanton", meaning Staunton River, clearly identifies this Joseph Wright as 1815 Joseph Wright whose land was on the Staunton River.

The 1786 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed a second Joseph Wright with the following property:

Land Holders	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1¼ pr Cent
Jos. Wright	557	3.5	100.3.1	1.10½
ditto	150	3.0	22.10	6.7

Again, the Land Tax List failed to record the sale of 106 acres of land by Joseph Wright in Bedford County Deed 7/504 in either of the listings for Joseph Wright.

On November 25, 1786, at Bedford County Virginia, D.B. 7/676 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 74 acres of land from Axton Scott:

"This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of November in the Year One thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Six between Axton Scott of Bedford County of the one part & Joseph Wright of the same place of the other part witnesseth that the said Axton Scott for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six Hundred pounds to him in hand paid the reciept whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Joseph Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever one certain Tract or parcel of Land containing seventy four acres be the same more or less Lying & being in Bedford County on the north side of Stanton River. Begining at a White Hickory on the River bank thence Northeast to a Corner White Oak thence North to Beaver dam Creek Crossing it thence down the Creek to the river thene up the river to the place of Begining together with all houses outhouses buildings yards Orchards Waters ways Profits Commodities Hereditements and appurtenances thereunto belonging and the revertion and Revertions rents and Profits thereof and all the Estate Right title and property of him the said Axton Scott of in or to the same to have and to hold the said Seventy four acres of Land with all the Appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Axton Scott doth for himself his Heirs hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns that he the said Axton Scott & his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever defend the said Bargained land to the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs & assigns from all persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the said Axton Scott hath hereunto set his Hand & Seal the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presents of us
Tommy Wright
John Wright Senr.
Micajah McCormack

Axton his X mark Scott

Memrandum That on the day & year first within Menchned Quiet & peseble prosshon and Seizon of the within Menchned Land and the premises with the Appertanances was given and made by Axton Scoot to Joseph Wright according to the Efect of the within Written Deed

In presents of us
Tommey Wright
John Wright Senr
Micajah McCormack

Axton his X mark Scott

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22d day of January 1787. This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon indorsed were acknowledged by Axton Scott party thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright, Mon" in List A with the following household on April 14:

Date of Recg List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Number of White Male Tithables above 21
April 14	Joseph Wright, Mon	Joseph Wright

No white Males above 16 Under 21	Blacks above 16	blacks under 16	horses Mares, Colts & Mules	Cattle	Car-riage Wheels
	1	2	5	19	

Ordinary Licenses	Billiard Tables	No Stud Horses	rates

Although the prior Personal Property Tax Lists had listed 1815 Joseph Wright without any further identification, the 1787 Personal Property Tax List had him identified as "Mon", probably for mountain and identified the other Joseph Wright as "Qar", for Quaker. This other Joseph Wright was 1831 Joseph Wright of Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of 1814 John Wright of Bedford County, who had joined the Quaker church. The number of horses and cattle in the two households makes clear that "Joseph Wright (M)" in 1786 had become "Joseph Wright Qar" in 1787 and that "Joseph Wright" in 1786 had become "Joseph Wright, Mon" in 1787. The identification of these Joseph Wrights is further confused because 1815 Joseph Wright had been

described as "on ye mountain" in the 1782 Land Tax List, but this was an isolated identification and not repeated in later Land Tax Lists.

The 1787 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stanton) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Joseph Wright (Stanton)			311	9.10
Do			225	2.6
Do			200	7.1

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at one & a half Per Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
200.2.6	8.5½
70.16.8	1.1.3

The 1787 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed a second Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Joseph Wright			557	3.5
Do			150	3.0

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at one & a half Per Cent
100.3.1	1.10.6¼
22.10.0	6.9

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was Joseph Wright (Q) and the other of whom was in the Henry Buford District with the following household on April 12:

Date of receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Number of tithes white & black	Number of blacks over 12	horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 12	Joseph Wright	3	2	7

Carriage wheels	Ordinary license	Billiard Tables	Number of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothecaries & Surgeons

The 1788 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sta with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of land per acre	rates of land per acre
Joseph Wright Sta			311	9.10
Do			225	[unreadable]
Do			200	7.1

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of lots	Amount of Tax at one and half per Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
[unreadable]	[unreadable]
70.16._	1.1.3

The 1788 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of land per acre	rates of land per acre
Joseph Wright			557	3.5
Do			150	3.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of lots	Amount of Tax at one and half per Cent
100.3.1	1.10.½
22.10.0	6._

In September 1788 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 9/197 Joseph Wright was appointed to settle the account of the estate of Henry Compton Martin:

> "Ord: that John Wright, Joseph Wright, Matthew Pate & Tho: Pate or any three be Appointed to Settle the Acco. Currt. of the Estate of Henry Compton Martin decd. wth. the Admx Sarah Martin, & Make Division of said Decedents Estate Accg. to Law & make return thereof to Court"

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed two Joseph Wrights, one of whom was Joseph Wright (Q) and the other of whom was in the Henry Buford District with the following household on May 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Whites & Blacks	No of Blacks Over 12 years	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
May 25	Joseph Wright	4	3	5

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Physicians Apothe-caries & Surgeons

The 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed three Joseph Wrights, one of whom was (Stanton with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of lots	yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Lands	rate of land per acre
Joseph Wright (Stanton			311	9.10
ditto			225	2.6
ditto			200	7.1

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
28.2.6	6.52
70.16.8	1.1.3

The 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the second Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of lots	yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Lands	rate of land per acre
Joseph Wright			557	3.5
ditto			150	3.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
100.3.1	1.10½
22.10.0	6.9

The third Joseph Wright listed in the 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, was identified as Joseph Wright Q and reflected the purchase of 225 acres of land by 1831 Joseph Wright.

The 1789 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr. with the following property:

Persons Names		Qty. Acres	Average Price	Amount	Taxes
Joseph Wright Sr	150	0.4.6-3/4	34.4.0	0.6.10	

This record reflects the transfer of 150 acres of land on the South side of Staunton River purchased by Bedford County Deed 7/137 from Bedford County records to Franklin County records.

On April 15, 1790, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 8/316, 1815 Joseph Wright sold 225 acres of land to Martin Greer:

"This Indenture made this the 15th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety betwen Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Marting Greer of the same County of the other part witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the full and just sum of fifty pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Marting Greer the Recept whereof he the said Joseph Wright doth hereby Acknowledg hath given granted bargned and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain sole deliver and confirm to him the said Marting Greer his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parsel of land situate laying and being in the County aforesaid on the branches of Beverdam Creeke containing two hundred and twenty five acers be the same more or less and bounded as folleth Viz Beginning whare Pare line crosseth the road thence along his line south ten degrees west thirty six poles to a white oak west sixty two poles to a red oak south sixty five degrees west one hundred and forty six poles to a pine along the patent lines south seventy degrees east one hundred poles to a pine east two hundred and ten poles to a white oak along Pats line north twenty poles to a pine north twenty two degrees west one hundred and forty fore poles to the road and thence up the said road to the first station together with all and singler the preveledges and appertanances ther unto belonging or in ane wise appertaning To have and to hold the above sold land and premises to him the said Marting Greer his and asigns forever to have hold use occupy proses and enjoy the same with every part and parcel ther of to him the said Marting Greer his heirs and Asigns forever against him the said Joseph Wright his heirs or assigns and agnst the clame or demand of all other persons whatsoever in Witness whereof he the said Joseph Wright hath her unto set his hand Seal the day and year first above Written Signed Seald and Delivered in Presents of

Joseph Wright

Memrandum that on the day and year first within Menchened Quiet and Peceble Prosesion and Seien of the within Menchened land and premises was given and made by Joseph Wright to Marting Greer ageble to the tenor of the within written deed.

Witness Joseph Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of September 1790 This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seizen thereon indorsed was acknowledged by Joseph Wright party therto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ja Steptoe CBC"

The legal description confirms that this was the same land as that purchased by Bedford County Deed 6/330 in 1779.

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright (Stanton)" in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 26:

Dates of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No. of Tithes Black & White	No. of Blacks over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 26	Joseph Wright (Stanton)	4	3	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering

The 1790 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1

Total amount of value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at 1½ pr Ct
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3

This record reflects the sale of 225 acres of land by Bedford Deed 8/316. That in turn identifies the Joseph Wright who purchased 225 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 6/330 in 1779 and sold that same land by Bedford County Deed 8/316 in 1790 as 1815 Joseph Wright.

The second listing for Joseph Wright in the Land Tax List showing 557 acres and 150 acres of land disappeared from the list in 1790 and did not reappear again, indicating probably a partial correction of the records and a transfer of the taxable land to the Franklin County records.

The 1790 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Average Price	Amount
Joseph Wright Sr	124	0.4.6-3/4	28.0.7

This record reflects a sale of 26 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 2/121 set forth below.

On July 5, 1790, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 2/121 Joseph Wright sold 26 acres of land to Elisha Lax:

> "This Indenture Made this V of July one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety between Joseph Right of Bedford County of the one Part and Elisha Lax of Frankling County of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Joseph Right for an Inconsideration of the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand Paid the Receipt whereof the Said Joseph doth hereby Acknowledge hath Granted Bargained & Sold Elined infoosed and Confirmed by these Presence Doth Grant Bargain and sell alineense off and Confirm unto the Said Elisha Lax a certain Tract or parsell of Land lying and being and being in Franklin County on the South Side of Stanton River Containing Twenty Six Acres of Land be the Same more or Less and bounded by the Lines as follows begining on Two Locous Trees on the River Bank Thence New Line up the hallow to a New Corner white oak at the head of the hallow thence on a the New Line to Breffs Branch these up the Said Branch to Joseph Rights old line thence on his line to Bandys Line on the River Bank thence up the river as it meanders to the first Station To have and to hold the Said Twenty Six Acres of Land unto the said Elisha Lax his aires and assines for ever that he the Said Elish Lax shall Peacably Possess and Injoy the said Twenty Six Acers of Land with all the Privolidges thereunto Belonging or in any wise appertaining thereunto and the

Said Joseph Right for My part doth Relinquish all Right Title Claim or whatsoever for myself my Aires and Assines for ever unto the Said Elish Lax his aires and assines for ever and I the said Joseph Right my aires doth Warrant and defend the title of the Said Twenty Six acers of Land unto the Said Elish Lax his aires and assigns for ever in fee Simple from the Clame Challeng or demand of any other person Whatsoever Lawfully Claiming the Same. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Right hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day & Year above Ritten

Joseph Wright

At a Court held for Franklin County in July 1790. This Indenture was Acknowledged by the Within Named Joseph Wright to be his Act & Deed and the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Ste Smith CCC"

On January 1, 1791, Joseph Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Judith Wright to William McCormack:

"January 1 1791

this is to sertify that my Daughter Judeth is agreed to Join in wedlock with William mccormack

givven under my hand
to Mr Bengaman Rice
William Thomas"

Joseph wright
Mic(?) Mccormack

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on March 22:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No White & Black	No. of Blacks above 12	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules
Mar 22	Joseph Wright (S)	5	4	5

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Stud Horses	Rates of Covering	Practising Apothecaries Physicians & Surgeons

The 1791 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre S d
Joseph Wright (S)			311	1.10
Do			200	7.1

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts £	Amount of Taxes at One & haf p Ct £
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3

The 1791 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Average Price	Total Amount	Tax
Joseph Wright	124	0.4.6½	28.3.2	

On December 17, 1791, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 9/47 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 100 acres of land from Anthony Pate:

> "This Indenture made this seventeenth day of December 1791 between Anthony Pate of Franklin County of the one part and Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford of the other part witnesseth that the said Anthony Pate for and in consideration of the sum of Forty pound current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargained and sold; and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said Joseph Wright and his heirs forever one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Bedford County on the branches of Beaverdam Creek, it being the land & plantation whereon Nathaniel Shrewsbury lately lived and bounded as follows (to wit, Begining at a white oak corner to Matthew Pates line thence on his line to Waltons old line, thence on his line to the creek, thence up the same to Joseph Wrights line, thence along said line to Shrewsburys line thence along the said line to the begining, containing by

supposition one hundred acres be the same more or less. To have and to hold the said land and premises with its appertainances unto the said Joseph Wright and to his heirs forever and he the said Anthony Pate doth covenant for himself and his heirs that he will forever warrant and defend the said land & premises unto the said Joseph Wright & to his Heirs forever In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed & delivered
in the presence of
Joseph Stith
Tommy Wright
Samuel Mayse

Anthony Pate

Memo. That on the day and year within mentioned quiet & peaceable possession of the within mentioned land and premises was given by the said Anthony Pate to the said Joseph Wright according to the form and effect of the within written deed.

In the presence of
Joseph Stith Tommy Wright Samuel Mayse.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23d day of April, 1792.

This Indenture together with the memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon Indorsed was proved by the oath of Joseph Stith Tommy Wright & Samuel Mayse witnesses whose names are thereunto subscribed & Ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
JA Steptoe CBC"

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on May 24:

Date Of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. of Blacks	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Car-riage Wheels
May 24	Joseph Wright	5	4	6	

Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No. of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1792 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1
Ditto			100	10.11

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3
54.11.8	16.4½

This record reflects the purchase of 100 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 9/47.

The 1792 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Amount of Vallue of Land	Amount of Taxes @ 7/6
Joseph Wright	124	0.4.6½	28.3.2	0.2.2

On October 22, 1792, Joseph Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Agness Wright to Samuel Mays:

"I do hereby Certify that Samuel Mays has My Consent to Obtain Marriage Licence between him self & my daughter Agness Wright

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Wm Nimmo)"

Joseph Wright
Octr. 22nd 1792

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright (Stanton)" in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on June 22:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Jun 22	Joseph Wright (Stanton)	6	4	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Billiard Tables	No of Studs	Rate of Covering

The 1793 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1
Ditto			100	10.11

Total Amount of Value of Land exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One & a half p Ct
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3
54.11.8	3.16.4½

The 1793 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Acre	Avarig	Total Amount	Taxes
Joseph Wright	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.1.8-3/4
	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.1.5

The document by which this additional 96 acres of land was acquired has not been located. However, a possible explanation is the following. First, the 150 acre parcel of land purchased by Bedford County Deed 7/137 in 1782 had been transferred from the Bedford records on formation of Franklin County in 1786 as the land owned by Joseph Wright. Second, that 150 acre listing had been reduced to 124 acres by reason of the sale of 26 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 2/121 in 1790. Third, the 150 acre listing was returned to its original size of 150 acres and the 120 acres of land purchased by Bedford County Deed 7/75 in 1781, which was located in the area that became Franklin County, was now listed, but reduced to 96 acres to reflect the sale of 26 acres of that land (120 less 26 equals 94) by Franklin County Deed 2/121. The result was to finally correct the Land Tax records to conform to the actual acreage owned by 1815 Joseph Wright in both Bedford and Franklin Counties.

On September 2, 1793, Joseph Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Nancy Wright to John Meador:

> "I do hereby Certify that John (Jehu?) Meador has My Consent to Obtain Marriage Licence between him self and my daughter Nancy Wright. Witness my hand this 2nd day of Septr. 1793
>
> Teste Joseph Wright
> Jno. Page)
> Jn Meador)"

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright (Stanton)" in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 28:

Date of receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes white & Black	No. of Blacks over 12 Years	No. of Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 28	Joseph Wright (Stanton)	6	4	7	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No. of Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1794 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1
Ditto			100	10.11

Total Amt of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amount of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3
54.11.8	15.4½

The 1794 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Amount Of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Tax
Joseph Wright	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.1.8-3/4
Ditto	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.1.5

On April 16, 1794, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/519 Joseph Wright obtained a survey for 40 acres of land:

"April 16 1794 -

Survey.d for Joseph Wright 40 Acres of Land by Virtue of a Land Office warrat granted to George Vaughn 24 Novr 1780 for 50 acres and No 1201 Situate in Bedford County & on the Brs of Elk Creek. Beginning at Pointers near the mouth of a Br, where Peter Holland Began when he made a Survey that now belong to Simon Chaffin, along Chaffins lines S 18 W 40 poles to Pointers, along Tates lines N 52 E 132 poles to Pointers S 40 E 40 poles to a wh. o Thence new Lines N 71 E 40 poles to a White Oak in Meads Line along his Lines N 46 W 40 poles to a Chesnut N 36 E 112 poles to a dead Hicory now a white Oak in Simon Chaffins line along his Line to the beginning"

On October 17, 1794, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 3/248 Joseph Wright purchased 300 acres of land from Stith Mead:

"This Indenture made this the 17th day of October one Thousand Seven hundred and ninety four by and between Stith Mead of Bedford County of the one part and Joseph Wright of sd County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Stith Mead for and inconsideration of the sum of thirty pounds in Trade to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth Hereby Acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold unto said Joseph Wright one Certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in franklin County on Linville Creak south side of Stanton River it being the remainder of William Mead Senr Order of Council for 5800 acres and patented 26 April 1778 being about 300 acres more or less. Excepting that part John Bradcher Claims by a late Survey at the mouth of Linville now in Dispute and Bounded as follows Begining at a Chesnut on a High Hill opposite to Martins plantation on order Line S 50 W 14 poles to a pine N 30 W 50 poles to a Hickory S 81 W 40 poles to a White Oak S 13 E 160 poles to a red oak thence to Phillip Pankeys line in said Order thence to Johnson Bashams Line out of said Order thence to Jno Hooks line out of said Order thence thence to John Bashams line out of said Order thence to James Bashams line out of sd order thence to above mentioned Joseph Wrights Corner red oak on an old path thence on the Line john Bradcher run to the river thence up the same as it meanders to the Begining with all woods waters ways and all other profits Commodities & Hereditaments whatsoever to the same belonging to have and to hold the above granted Land and premises with all these and Every Other Appertenance unto the said Joseph Wright to his heirs and assigns forever & the said Mead and the said Mead doth Warrant and forever Defend the within granted Land from them the said Stith Mead his heirs and all other persons whatsoever unto the said Joseph Wright His Hrs exrs admrs and assigns forever in Witness whereof he hath hereunto Set his hand and Affixed his seal the day and year above Written

Test — Stith Mead
Johnson Basham
James Coleman
Joel Meadows

Memorandum that on the day and year within mentioned Quiet and peaceable possession & Season of the within mentioned land & premises was made by Stith mead to the said Joseph Wright agreeable to the within Written Deed

Test — Stith Mead
Johnson Basham
James Coleman
Joel Meadows

At a court held for Franklin County in April 1795 this Indenture together with a memorandum hereon Endorsed was proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses hereto Subscried to be respective act and Deed of the within named Stith mead and the same was ordered to be Recorded by the Court

Test
James Callaway CCC"

The legal description is insufficient to draw a plat of the parcel, but it is clear that it was located on Lynville Creek and Staunton River across from the other land of 1815 Joseph Wright.

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 11:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No of Tithes White and Black	No. of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses mares Colts & Mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 11	Joseph Wright	6	4	7	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. Stud Horses	Rate of Covering
		1	12

The 1795 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1
Ditto			100	10.11

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3
54.11.8	16.4½

The 1795 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Persons Owning Land	Quant of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Tax
Joseph Wright Sr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.1.8-3/4
Ditto	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.1.5

The 1795 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, also listed Joseph Wright Jr pr St Mead with the following property:

Persons Owning Land	Quant of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Tax
Joseph Wright Jr per St Mead	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	

This record reflects the purchase of 300 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 3/248. Although the land was purchased by 1815 Joseph Wright, he apparently allowed his son 1844 Joseph Wright to live on the land and, therefore, it was taxed to the son rather than the father.

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stan with the following household on April 9:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No of horses, mares Colts & mules	Carriage Wheels
Apl 9	Joseph Wright (Stan	6	4	8	

Ordinary Licence	Billard Tables	No. of Studs	Rates of Covering
		1	12

The 1796 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10
Ditto			200	7.1
Ditto			100	10.11

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at one and a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½
70.16.8	1.1.3
54.11.8	16.4½

The 1796 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Numr of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Joseph Wright Snr	120	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.1.8-3/4
Ditto	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.1.5

The 1796 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, also listed Joseph Wright Jnr Stith Mead with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Numr of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Joseph Wright Jnr Stith Mead	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.0.9

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed 'Joseph Wright (S)" in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 24:

___	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 Years	No of Horses mares Colts & mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apl 24	Joseph Wright (S)	6	4	6	

Ordinary License	Billard Tables	No of Studs	Rates of Covering
		1	12

The 1797 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	9.10

Total Amt. of Value of Land Ex-clusive of Lotts	Amt. of Taxes at One and a half p Cent
152.18.2	2.5.10½

This record reflects the transfer of 300 acres of land from 1815 Joseph Wright to his son 1841 Matthew Wright by Bedford County Deed 10/318 described below.

The 1797 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Ser with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Joseph Wright Ser	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.1.8-3/4
Ditto	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.1.5

The 1797 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, also listed Joseph Wright Jnr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Joseph Wright Jnr	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.0.9

On July 24, 1797, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 10/318 Joseph Wright conveyed 300 acres to Matthew Wright as a gift:

> "This Intur made this 24th day of July One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven betwen Josep Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Mathew Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright hath taken into consideration and hath given out of free good will and he the said Joseph Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted and devested and by these presents doth give grant Sole deliver and confirm to him the said Matthew Wright his heirs and assigns forever One Sartain Track or parcel of Land Sitate Lying and being in the County of aforesaid and lying on both sides of Beverdam Creek and contaning Three hundred Akers and bounded as follereth Beginning at red oke thence North forty three degres West One hundred & thirty One poles to a white Oake thence South twenty four deges West One hundred & five poles to a red Oake thence South eighty nine Deges West eighty two poles to a popler thence South thirteen and half Deges West Two hundred & thurty nine nine poles to a White Oake thence North Eighty five Degres East eight poles to a pine thence North Seventy Six degres east Seventy poles to a pine thence South sixty two Degres East One hundred & twelve poles to a pine thence North fifty Nine degres East twenty four poles to a white Oake thence North eight degees East eighty three poles to a White Oak, thence North fifteen degraas east Sevety nine poles to a white Oake thence North Therty degres East One Hundred & Sixteen poles to the first Beginning. Will furdermore Appear together with all and Singar the previledges and appertancessces therunto bellonging or in anney wise appertanening to have

and to hold the above given Land & Premises with all the appertanances to him the said Mathew Wright his heirs and assigns forever, to have hold Use ocupy prosses and injoy with every part and parsel thereof to him the said Mathew Wright his heirs or assigns forever and aganst him the said Joseph Wright his heirs or assigns and aganst the Clame and Demand of all other parsons or Parsons whatsoever shall and will forever defend In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright hath herunto set his hand and Seal this day and year first above written.

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Joseph Wright

Morandum that on the day and year first within Menchened quiart & peceble prossition and Seezen of the within mentinoched land and primises with all the appertanances was given & made by Joseph Wright to Mathew Wright according to the true Mening and Intent of the within written Deed.

In present of us
Test.

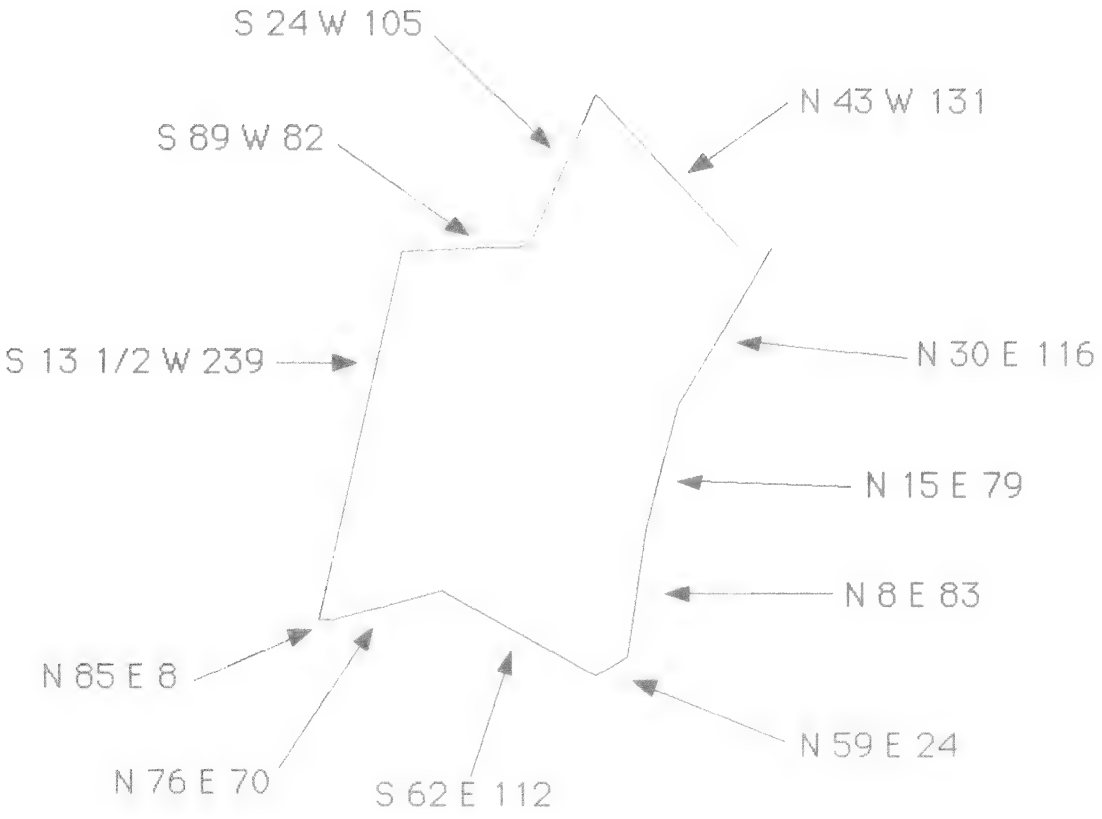
At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of July 1797. This Indenture was acknowledged by Joseph Wright party thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ja: Steptoe, C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 10/318



This record, in conjunction with the 1797 Bedford County, Virginia, Land Tax List, confirms that the Joseph Wright who owned 311 acres of land in the Bedford County Land Tax Lists from 1784 through 1797 was 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County, the father of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County. As will be set forth below, 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County died owning this same land.

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright Sr" in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on May 18:

____	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax__	No. of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12 years	No Horses Mares Colts and Mules	Carriage Wheels
May 18	Joseph Wright Sr.	6	4	7	

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1798 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	1.64

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every 100 _ & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34 of the rents__
510.04	1.94

The 1798 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Senr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	D C 38 Cts
Joseph Wright Senr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.44
Ditto	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.37
Ditto fm Stith Mead	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.19

This record reflects a consolidation of the two separate Land Tax List entries into a single entry and confirms that the Joseph Wright listed with 150 and 96 acres of land in the Franklin County, Virginia, Land Tax Lists was the same Joseph Wright who purchased 300 acres of land from Stith Mead by Franklin County Deed 3/248. Although the 300 acres of land had been taxed to Joseph Wright, Jr., it was now property taxed to the actual purchaser, Joseph Wright, Sr.

On September 22, 1798, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 10/504 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 200 acres of land from James Johnson:

> "This Indenture Made this 22nd day of September one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight Betwen James Johnson of Bedford County of the one part and Joseph Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that he the said James Johnson for and in consideration of the Just and full sum of thirtey pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Josep Wright the recept whereof he the said James Johnson doth hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain Sole deliver and confirm to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever one certain track or parcel of Land Setate ling and being in the County aforesaid and on the South Side of Beaverdam Creek and containing two hundred Akers be the same more of less and bounded as follereth Begining on a polar on the South Side of Cates Creek thence South forty Eight and half Degrees East ninety two poles to a White Oak on Wm. MCormacks Line thence his line South Eighty Seven & half Degrees west sixty poles to a Hickory now down and pointerd thence South fifty one and half Degrees West Eighty Eight poles to Crossing beverdam Creek to a poler thence South thirteen & half Degrees west one hundred and four poles to a pine now Down and pointered thence South Seventy two & half Degrees West Eighteen poles to a white Oak thence South four Degrees East thirty poles to a Small pine thence South twenty four Degrees East fourteen poles to a Dogwood on Beverdam Creek thence down said Creek as it meanders to a beach thence South Eighty two Degrees East twenty Eight poles to a White Oak thence South two & half Degrees East fifty five poles to a red Oak thence South twenty Seven & half Degrees East Seventy nine poles to pointers thence South fifty Six Degrees East Eighty Six

poles to Morgains Corne__ red oak thence South five Degrees West twenty nine poles to pointers on Wrights line thence on his line north fifty Seven Degrees West one hundred and ninety nine poles to a white oak on a ridge thence south Seventy one Degrees West Eighty nine poles to red Oak thence South three Degrees East fourteen poles to pates Corner Chesnut thence on his line north twenty Seven Degrees West fifty five poles to Basham's Corne__ Hickory thence on his line north twenty Degrees East eighty three poles to a White Oak thence north nine Degrees West one hundred and Seven poles to Pains Corner Post Oak thence on his and Jonathan Bashams Line north forty Seven & half Degrees East One hundred and forty Eight poles to pointers thence South Eighte five Degrees East fifteen poles to a white oak thence South Seventy five Degrees East ten poles to a white Oak thence South Sixty Degrees East forty poles to a Chesnut thence north thirty One Degrees East twenty Seven poles to a white oak thence North thirty five Degrees East Eliven poles to a post Oak thence North twenty five Degrees West five poles to a read Oak thence north twenty Eight Degrees West Eighteen poles to a pine thence north thirty five Degrees west fifteen poles to a red oak thence north forty Degrees west thirty one poles to a post Oak thence north thirty Seven Degrees West eight poles to a post Oak thence North twelve Degrees west twenty Six poles to a white Oak thence north twenty four Degrees West thirty one poles to a white Oak on the South Side of Beverdam Creek thence down the South Side of Said Creek as it manders to the mouth of Cates Creeke thence up said Creek the south side as it manders to the first Begining will furdermore apper togither with all and Singler the priveledges and appertanances thereunto belonging or in aney wise appertaning to Have And To Hold the above sold Land and premises with all the appertenaces to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs and asigns forever to have hold use Occupy Prsses and Enjoy the same with every part and parcel thereof to him the Said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever and against him the Said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever and against him the Said James Johnson his heirs or assigns and against the Clame or Demand of Ither of them whatsoever Shalt & will by these presents warrend & forever Defend In Witness whereof he the said James Johnson hath herunto Set his hand and Seal this day and year first above written

Sealed Signed & Delivered
In presents of
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James Johnson

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appertanances was given and Made by James Johnson to Joseph Wright acording to the true meaning and Effect of the within Written Deed

In presents of James Johnson
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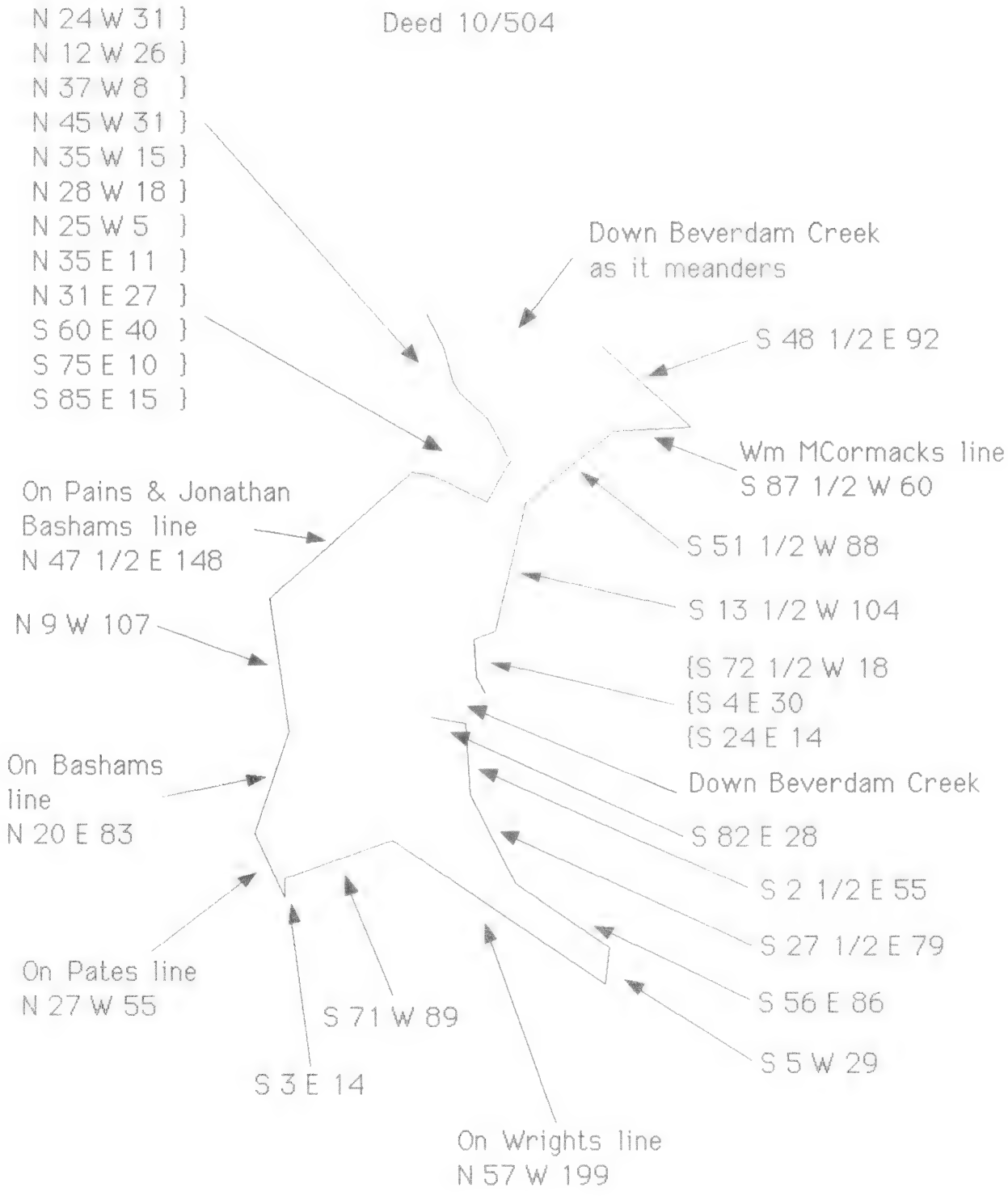
At a Court held for Bedford County the 4th day of September 1798 This Indenture together with the memorandum of livery of Seisin thereon Indorsed was acknowledged by James Johnson party thereto & ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Ja: Steptoe CBC"

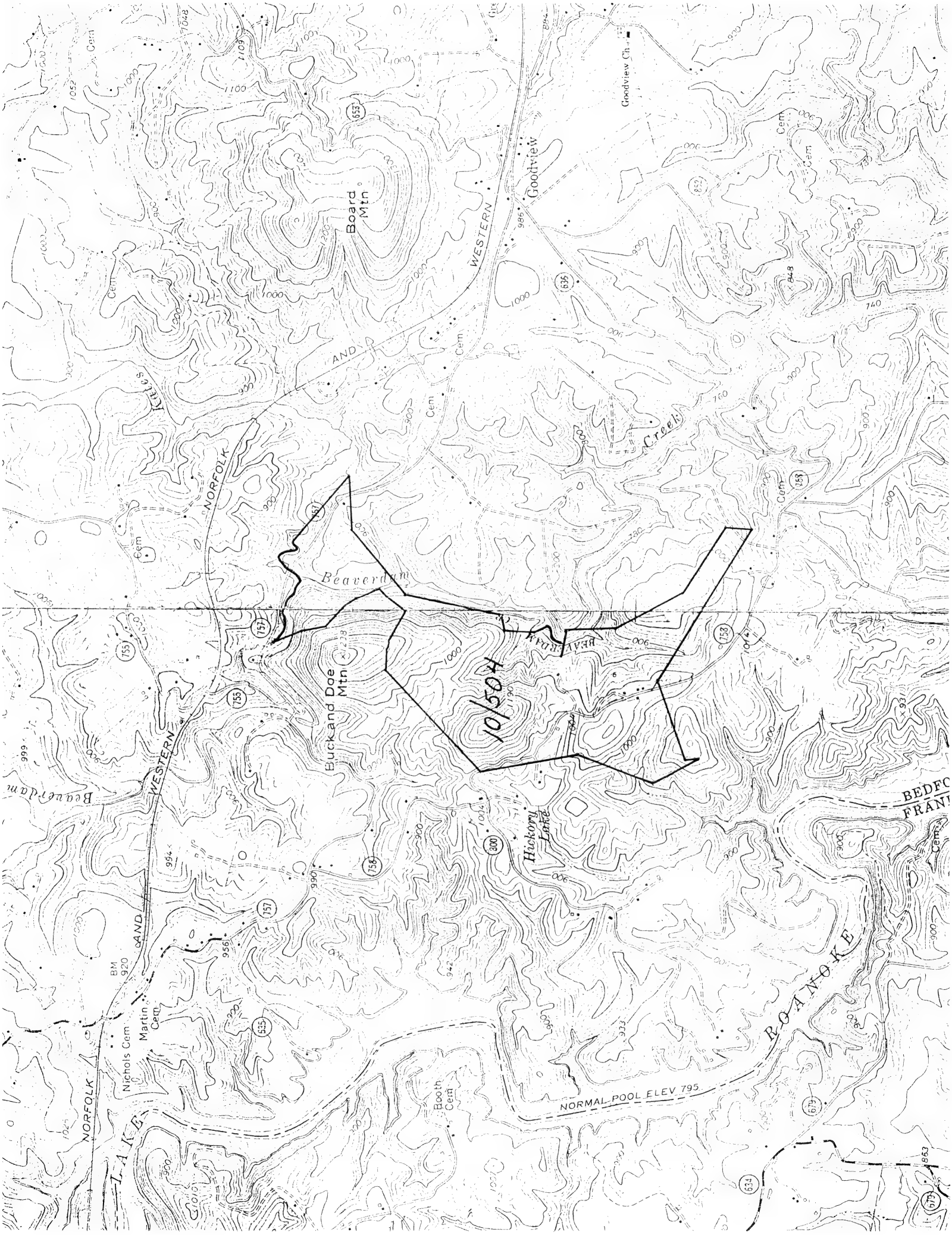
A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 10/504



Cate's (or Kate's) Creek intersects Beaverdam Creek north of the Staunton River near the Norfolk and Western Railroad line. Given the starting point of the legal description and the third to the last line which ends on the south side of Beaverdam Creek, the location of the land of Deed 10/504 can be precisely located and is shown on the map on the following page.

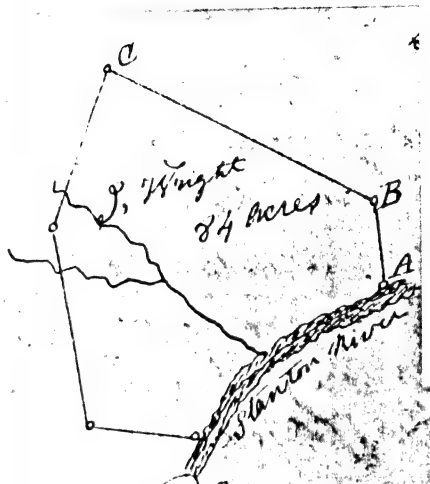


Goodview Ch.
Goodview
Board Mtn
WESTERN
AND
NORFOLK
Creek
Beaverdam
BEAVERDAM
Buck and Doe Mtn
10/504
Hickory Lake
BEDFO
FRAN
ROANOKE
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
Booth Cem
Martin Cem
Nichols Cem
LAKE
Cem

On January 30, 1799, at Bedford County, Virginia, S.B. 2/555 Joseph Wright obtained a survey for 84 acres of land:

> "January 30th 1799
>
> Surveyed for Joseph Wright 84 Acres of Land (by Virtue of a Land Office warrant Granted to him 7th Novr 1796 No 2019) Situate in Bedford County Lying on the N. Side of Stanton River and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at Samuel Morgans Co wh.o Thence along his Lines N 85 E 31 poles to a pine N 20 E 126 poles to a Chesnut Oak the same course continued 4 poles to Pointers in John Wrights line Thence along his line N 78 W 74 poles + a Br to a wh o, S 70 W 86 poles crossing a Br to Pointers Thence along Martins Line S 44 poles to the River & Thence down the River as it Meanders S 75 E 40 poles & S 20 E to the first Station"

A copy of that survey appears on the following page:



January 30th 1799

Surveyed for Joseph Wright 84 Acres of Land (by Virtue of a Land Office warrant Granted to him 7th Novr 1796 No 2019) Situate in Bedford County Lying on the N. Side of Stanton River and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at Samuel Morgans Co- wh.o Thence along his Lines N 85 E 31 poles to a pine N 20 E 126 poles to a Chesnut Oak the same course Continued 4 poles to Pointers in John Wrights line Thence along his line N 78 W 74 poles + a Br to a wh.o S 70 W 86 poles Crossing a Br to Pointers Thence along Martins Line S 44 poles to the River. & Thence down the River as it Meanders S 75 E 40 poles & S 20 E to the first Station

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 13:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No. of tithes	No. of Blacks Over 12 Years	No. of Horses, Mares, Colts & Mules
Apl 13	Joseph Wright	6	4	7

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering

The 1799 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	1.64
Ditto of Johnson			200	.69

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Tax @ 38 Cents for every $100 & on Lotts @ $4.17 for every $333.34
510.04	1.94
138.00	.53

This record reflects the purchase of 200 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 10/504.

The 1799 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Senr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Value of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C @ 48 Cts
Joseph Wright Senr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.55
Do	96	0.6.0	28.16.0	0.46
Do	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.24

On September 17, 1799, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1298 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 120 acres of land from Jonathan Basham:

"This Indenture made this 17 day of September One Thousand Seven hundred and ninty nine between Jonathan Basham and Elizabeth Basham his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part, & Joseph Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jonathan Basham and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of fortey pound Current money of Virginia have given granted bargained and Sold unto the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs one certain Tract or parcel of Land in the County of Bedford on the North side of Stanton River and containing One hundred & twenty acres and bounded to wit - Beginning at Thomas Owens old corner white Oak on Stanton River, off along his lines North fifty five Degrees East fifty five poles to a Gum South seventy two Degrees East twenty eight pole to a white Oak North thirty Degrees East forty eight pole to a white oak North Seventy eight Degrees East Sixty two pole to a read Oake East forty pole to a Hickory off new lines North twenty degrees East fifty four pole to white Oak North five Degrees west Seventy pole to white Oak in Paynes line thence on his lines South fifty Degrees West Thirty eight poles to his corner Red Oak by a path North Eightey One Degrees West One Hundred poles to a red Oak North thirty Degrees West twenty Poles to a Pine on the said Stanton River and thence dow said River as it Meanders to the first Beginning together with all its appurtanances To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land with its appurtanances unto the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs and the Jonathan Basham and his Heirs will forever warrant and defend. In Witness whereof the said Jonathan Basham and Elizabeth Basham his wife have hereunto subscribed ther names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in presence of
Matthew Wright
John Meador
Fanney her X mark Basham

Jonathan Basham
Elezebath Basham

Merandum that on the day and year first within mencened quiat and peceble prossion and seizen of the within mencened Land and primises with all the appurtanances was given and mad by Jonathan Basham and Elisabeth Basham his wife to Joseph Wright according to the Effect of the within writen Deed.

In presence of
Matthew Wright
John Meador
Fanney her X mark Basham

Jonathan Basham
Elezebath Bashsm

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of January 1800

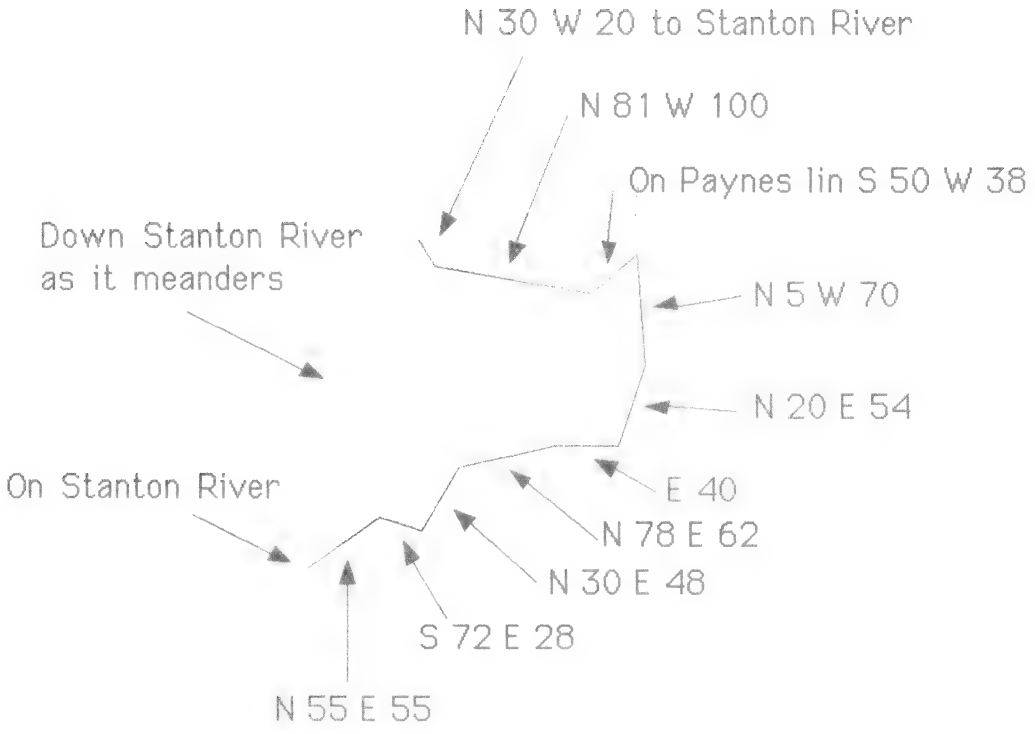
This Indenture of Bargain & Sale between Jonathan Basham & Elizabeth his wife of the One part, & Joseph Wright of the other, was proved by the Oaths of Matthew Wright & Fanny Basham subscribing witnesses. And at a Court held for the said County at the Courthouse the 23d. day of September this Indenture was further proved by the Oath of John Meador another subscribing witness & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

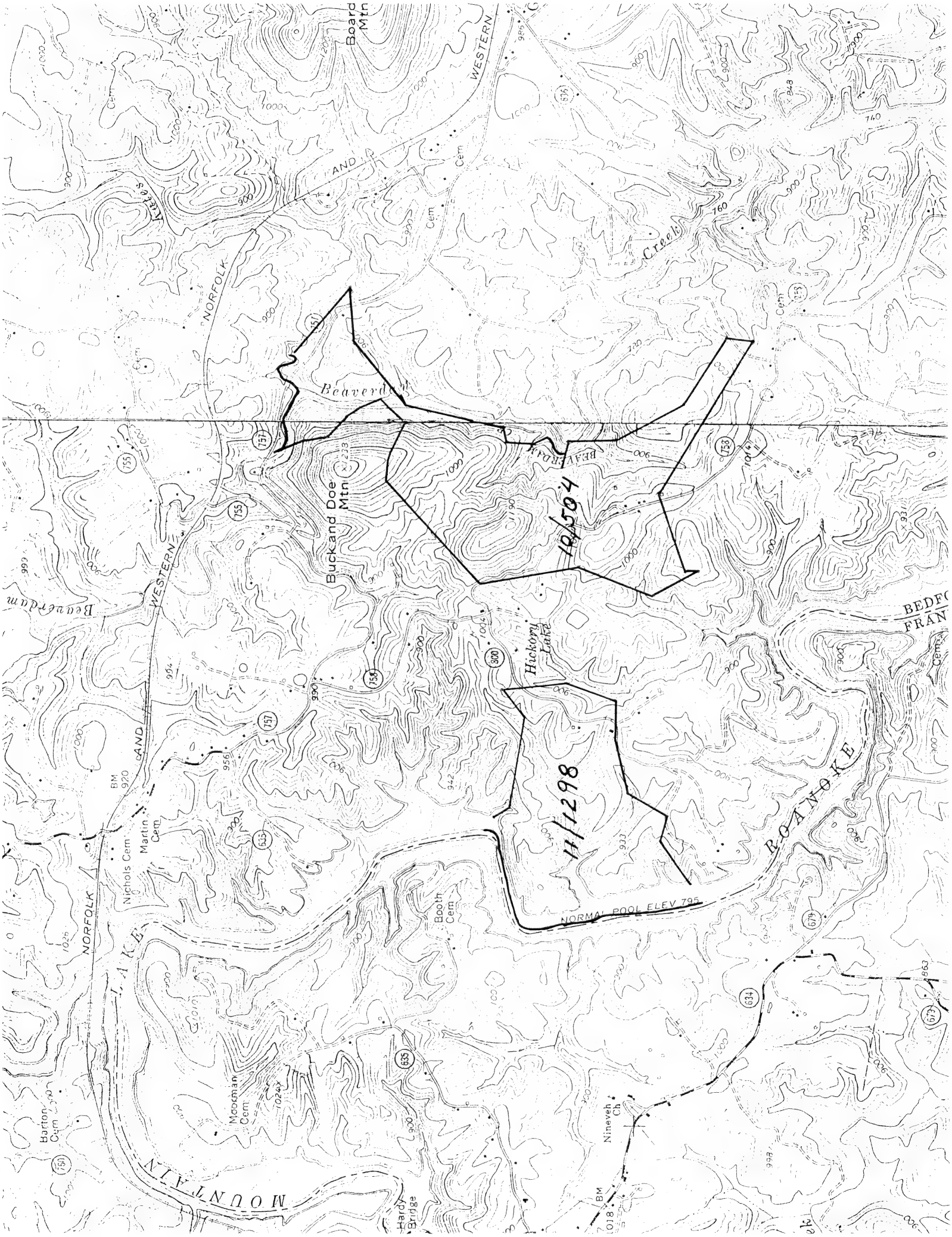
A plat of that legal description appears on the following page.

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 11/298



An overlay of Deed 11/1298 on the U.S. Geological Survey Map indicates that there is only one location where the boundaries of Deed 11/1298 would fit the north side of the Staunton River as indicated in the plat and that is shown on the map on the following page, along with the plat of Deed 10/504.



Board Mtn
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NORFOLK
Creek
Beaverdam
BEAVERDAM
Buck and Doe Mtn
10/504
Hickory Lake
11/1298
BEDFO
FRAN
ROANOKE
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
Booth Cem
Nichols Cem
Martin Cem
Moorman Cem
Barton Cem
Nineveh Ch
Hardy Bridge
MOUNTAIN
LAKE

On September 17, 1799, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1306 1815 Joseph Wright purchased a further 100 acres of land from Jonathan Basham:

"This Indenture made the 17th day of September One Thousand seven hundred and ninty nine between Jonathan Basham and Elizabeth Basham his wife of the County of Bedford of the one part and Joseph Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jonathan Basham and Elizabeth Basham his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirtey pounds Current Money of Virginia have given granted bargained and sold unto the said Joseph Wright and his heirs one certain Track or parcel of Land in the County of Bedford and on the South side of Beverdam Creek and containing One hundred Acres be the same more or less and bounded to wit Beginning at Paynes corner White Oak above the Spring thence East to a corner Chesnut and White Oak thence North East to a post Oak thence North to a corner White Oak on Beverdam Creake in Lankesters line thence up said Creake to the Mouth of a branch thence West up said branch to a Corner White Oak thence North West to a Corner pine in Paynes line thence South to the first Beginning together with all the appurtenances To have and to hold the said Track or parcel of Land with its appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs and the said Jonathan Basham and his Heirs the said Track or parcel of Land with its appurtinances to the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs will furdermore warrent and defend In Witness whereof the said Jonathan Basham and Ellisabeth Basham his wife have hereunto subscribed ther names and affixed ther Seals the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
Mathew Wright
John Meador
Fanny her X mark Basham

Jonathan Basham
Elezebath Basham

Merandum That on the day and year first within mencened quiat and peceble prossion and seizen of the within mencened Land & premises with all the appurtenances was given and made by Jonathan Basham & Elizabeth his Wife to Joseph Wright according to the effect of the within written Deed in presence of

Matthew Wright
John Meador
Fanney her X mark Basham

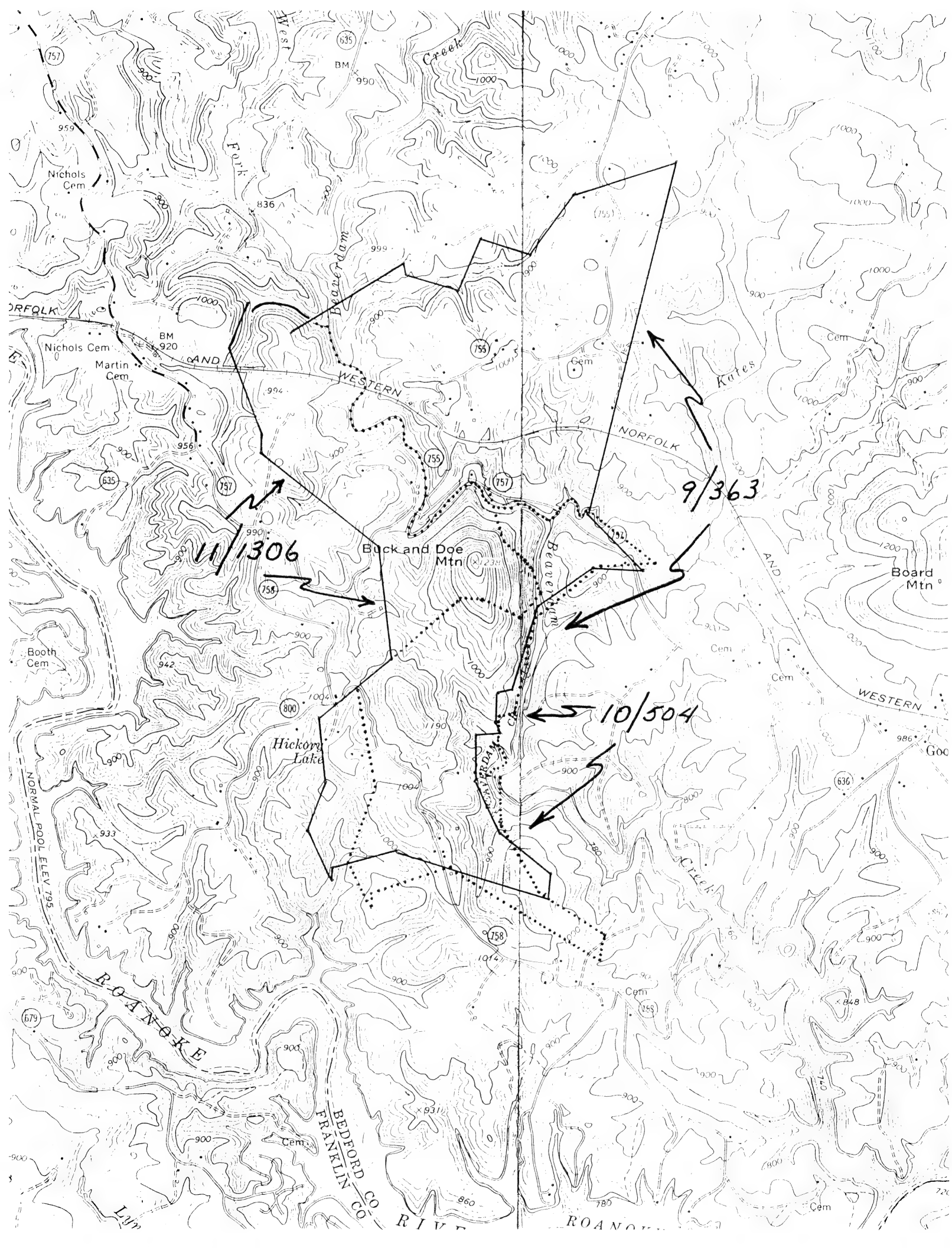
Jonathan Basham
Elezabeth Basham

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of January 1800.

This indenture of Bargain & Sale between Jonathan Basham & Elizabeth his wife of the one part, & Joseph Wright of the other was proved by the Oaths of Matthew Wright & Fanny Basham subscribing Witnesses, And at a Court held for the said County at the Courthouse the 23d. day of September 1805. This Indenture together with the Memo thereon Endd. was further proved by the Oath of John Meador an Other subscribing Witness & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

That legal description is insufficient for drawing a plat or locating the land. However, Jonathan Basham acquired that land from Anthony Pate by Bedford County Deed 10/200 and Anthony Pate had acquired that land from Robert Mead by Bedford County Deed 9/363. The legal description of Deed 9/363 is sufficient to draw a plat of the land and place it on Beaverdam Creek. A more extensive discussion of this placement is set forth in Untangling Some Of The Wrights Of Bedford County, Virginia by the author. A map showing the plat of Bedford County Deed 9/363 and Bedford County Deeds 10/504 and 11/1306 that were taken from it is shown on the following page.



11/1306
9/363
10/504
Buck and Doe Mtn
Board Mtn
Nichols Cem
Martin Cem
Booth Cem
Hickory Lake
Beaverdam
Kates
Creek
Fork
West
NORFOLK AND WESTERN
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
ROANOKE
BEDFORD CO
FRANKLIN CO

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Matthew Pate District with the following household on April 7:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of Tithes	No of Blacks over 12	No Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Apr 7	Joseph Wright	7	6	6

Carriage Wheels	Ordinary License	No of Studs	Rates of Carrying

The 1800 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons names owning land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	1.64
Ditto of Johnson			200	.69

Total Amt. of Value of Land Exclusive of Lotts	Amt. Taxes @ 38 Cents for every $100 & Lotts $4.17 for every $333.34
510.04	1.94
138.00	.53

The 1800 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Joseph Wright Sr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.56
Same	94	0.6.0	28.4.0	0.45
Same	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.24

This record reflects a correction of the acreage of the second parcel to 94 acres from 96 acres, which is consistent with a purchase of 120 acres and a sale of 26 acres as described above.

On February 22, 1801, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/371 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 100 acres of land from William McCormick:

> "This Indenture made this 22d day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & one, between William McCormack of the county of Franklin of the one part, & Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said William McCormack for & in consideration, of the sum of Sixty pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath given granted & sold, & by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, Sell & deliver unto the said Joseph Wright, to him his heirs & assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the sd County of Bedford, on the waters of Beverdam Creek, containing one hundred acres, be the same more or less, & bounded as followeth Viz, beginning at Browns corner pine thence east to Boards line thence north along Boards line to the shop branch, thence down the branch as it meanders to Goggins line, thence southeast along Goggins' line to the begining Station. To Have & To Hold the said Land & premises together with the priviledges & appurtenances, thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns forever, & the said William McCormack doth covenant, grant & agree, to & with the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns, That he the said William McCormack & his heirs the said Land & premises unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns shall & will warrant & forever defend against the Claim, or demand of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said William McCormack hath hereunto set his hand & seal this day & year first above written
>
> Signed Sealed & delivd. in presence of — William McCormack
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> Memorandum, that on the day & year first within written Livery of Seizon of the within Land & premises and possession with all their appurtenances was given & made by William McCormick unto the within named Joseph Wright according to the tenor & effect of the within written Deed.
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> Teste, — William McCormick

At a court held for Bedford County the 22d day of June 1801. This Indenture, together with the memorandum of Livery of Seizen thereon endorsed, was acknowledged by William McCormick, a party thereto & ordered to be recorded.

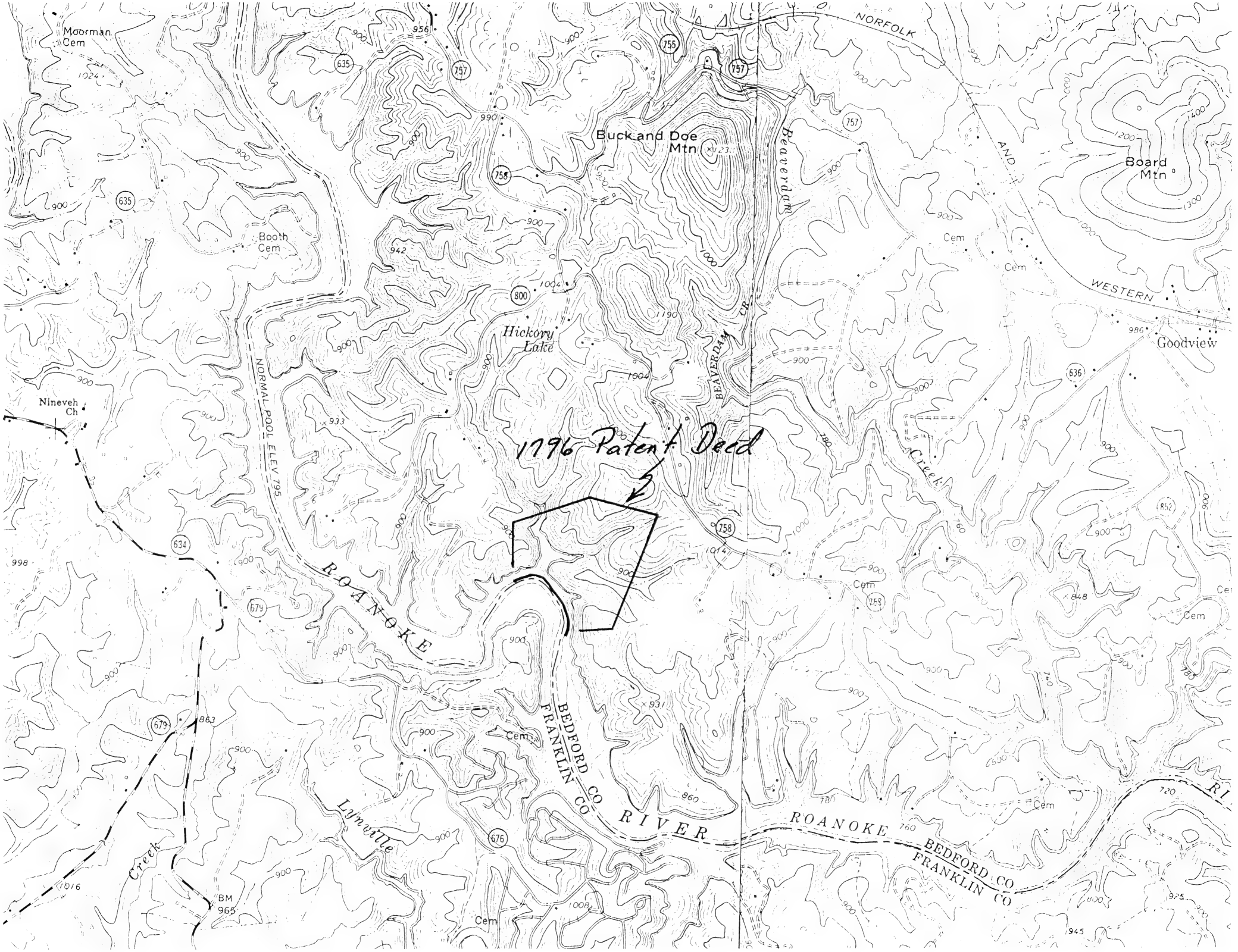
Teste,
J Steptoe, C.B.C."

On February 24, 1801, by Patent Deed 47/456 1815 Joseph Wright patented 84 acres of land in Bedford County:

"James Monroe Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to all to whom these presents shall Come Greeting Know Ye, That by virtue of a Land office Treasury Warrant Number two thousand and nineteen issued the seventh of November one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, There is Granted by the said Commonwealth unto Joseph Wright A Certain tract or parcel of land Containing eighty four acres by survey bearing date the thirtieth day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, lying and being in the County of Bedford on the north side of Staunton river and bounded as followeth to wit beginning at Samuel Morgans corner white oak, thence along his lines North eighty five degrees East thirty one poles to a pine North twenty degrees East one hundred and twenty six poles to a chesnut oak, the same course continued four poles to pointers in John Wrights line, thence along his line, North seventy eight degrees West seventy four poles, crossing a branch, to a white oak, South seventy degrees West eighty six poles crossing a branch to pointers thence along Martins line South forty four poles to the River, and thence down the river as it meanders South seventy five degrees East forty poles, and South twenty degrees East to the beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Joseph Wright and his heirs for ever, In Witness whereof the said James Monroe esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one and of the Commonwealth the twenty fifth

James Monroe"

This was the same land as that surveyed in Bedford County S.B. 2/555 shown above and a map of the location of that land is shown on the following page: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FRANKLIN CO
RIVER
Lynville Creek
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Beaverdam Creek

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following household on April 22:

Date of Receiving	Persons Names Chargeable with the Tax	No. of Tithes	No. Blacks over 12	No of horses mares colts & mules	Car-riage Wheels
Apl 22	Joseph Wright (S)	6	5	7	

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering

The 1801 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (S) with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No. of Lotts	Yearly Rent of Lotts	Quantity of Land	Rate of land p acre
Joseph Wright (S)			311	1.64
Ditto of Johnson			200	.69
Ditto of Basham			120	.23
Ditto of ditto			100	.67

Total Amt. of Value of land ex-clusive of Lotts	Amt of Taxes at 38 Cents for every $100 and Lotts at fifty every $333 & 33 Cts
510.04	1.94
138.00	.53
27.60	.04
67.00	.26

This record reflects the purchases in 1799 of 120 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 11/298 and 100 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 11/306.

The 1801 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Joseph Wright Sr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.55
Same	94	0.6.0	28.4.0	0.45

The absence of the 300 acre parcel from the list was corrected in 1802.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright (Stanton)" in the Joseph Holt District with the following household on March 22:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males Over 16	Blacks above 12 Years old	Blacks above 16 Years old
March 22	Joseph Wright (Stanton)	1	1	4

				Carriage Wheels		
Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Barouches Chariots & Post Chaises	Other rideing 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding carriages with 2 wheels
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The 1802 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Stan with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land and Lots	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p acre
Joseph Wright Stan			311	1.64
Ditto			200	.69
Ditto			120	.23
Ditto			100	.67
Ditto			100	.67

Total amount of the value of land exclusive of Lots	Amount of Taxes at Forty __ for $100 and $1.56 on $100 of each of Lots
510.04	2.45
138.00	.67
27.60	.10
67.00	.33
67.00	.33

This record reflects the purchase in 1801 of 100 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 11/371.

The 1802 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Joseph Wright Sr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.55
Same	94	0.6.0	28.4.0	0.45
Same	300	0.1.0	15.00.0	0.24

On January 24, 1803, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/683 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 306 acres of land from Pleasant M. Goggin:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 24th day of January in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and three Between Pleasant M. Goggin of Bedford County of the One part and Joseph Wright of sd. County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Pleasant M. Goggin for and in Consideration of the Sum of Seventy five pounds Current Money of Virginia the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold releasd and confirmed unto said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns forever, all and every part of the two following adjoining tracts of Land late belonging to the Estate of Stephen Goggin Sr dec'd and known in the Division of the Intestates Estate by title of the Mill tract and given by the Comissioners for Division to sd Pleasant M. Goggin for his part of the Intestates Land, and bounded according to Surveys & Deeds made by Josiah Payne & sd Joseph Wright in the years 1784 and 1785 to Stephen Goggin (to wit) The tract bought of Payne line Beginning at a Red Oak on Beaver dam Creek runing on the said line East twelve poles to a pine, North ten Degrees West Eighteen poles to pointers North three Degrees West two Hundred poles to a white Oak North fifty five Degrees West One Hundred and twenty Eight poles

to a sorrel on a branch on Craddocks line, thence down the same crossing the Creek at fifty two poles to a Red Oak South fifteen Degrees West forty four poles to a pine South ten degrees East ninety two poles to pointers on the old line thence along the old line South fifty Degrees East Seventy poles to a Red Oak, South Seven Degrees West thirty four poles to a Hickory South sixty four Degrees East One Hundred poles to a Red Oak North Eighty Degrees Seventy poles to a white Oak South forty Degrees East Ninety four poles to a poplar thence East One Hundred and ten poles to the begining Containing two Hundred Acres more or less & lying on Beaverdam Creek in Bedford County & The tract Deeded by Wright in 1785 & adjoining the above, Containing One Hundred & Six Acres bound as followeth, to wit, Begining at Paynes Corner pine South Sixty Six Poles to Spradlings, Farlow Wrights W. C. Thence on Wrights line South thirty Degrees East Seven poles to a pine South forty two degrees west seventy two poles crossing the Creek at thirty four poles to W. C. north fifty degrees west one Hundred & twenty six poles to W C North Eight Degrees west thirty poles to a white Oak Wrights and & paynes corner thence East to the Begining. To have and to hold both sd. adjoining tracts of Land with all & every of the appertenances thereunto belonging of what nature soever unto said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns forever. and the said Pleasant M. Goggin doth for himself and his Heirs Covenant and agree to Warrant & forever defend a good & Lawful right & title of sd. Land & premises, unto Sd. Joseph Wright his Heirs & assigns forever in Witness Whereof he hath hereunto set his Hand & Seal the Day & year above written.

Signed & Sealed
in presence of

Pleasant M. Goggin

The Day & year within written Livery and Seizen of the within Land & premises acknowledgd. to be made & granted by the within named P.M. Goggin to the within named Joseph Wright, him & his Heirs &c.

Pleasant M. Goggin

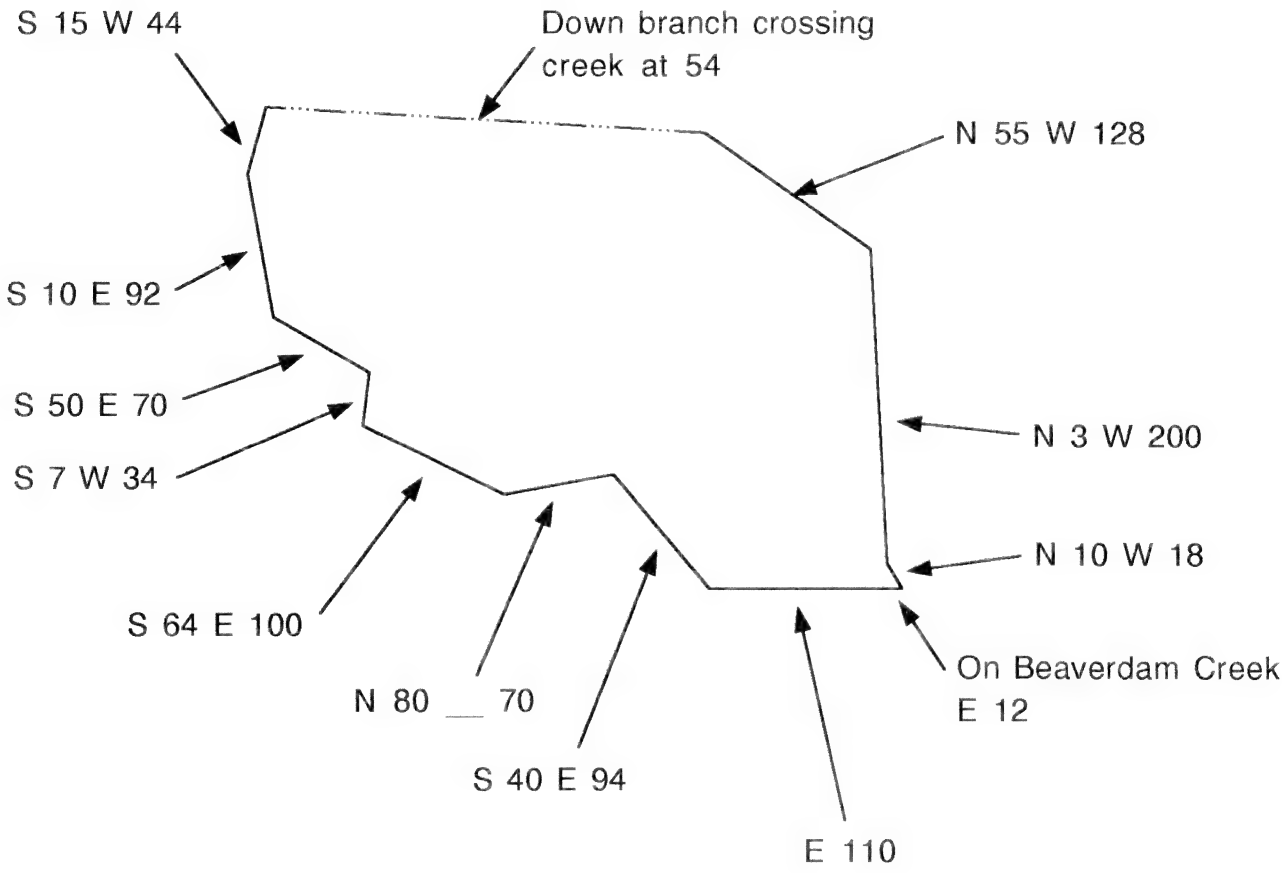
At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of January 1803.

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Pleasant M. Goggin of the one part & Joseph Wright of the other, was acknowledged by the said Pleasant M. Goggin and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia
Deed 11/683



The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Senr in the Joseph Holt District with the following household on June 27:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
June 27	Joseph Wright Senr	1	1	4	6

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Coaches Chariots &c	Other riding 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding Chaises &c

The 1803 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright			311	1.64
ditto			200	.69
ditto			120	.23
ditto			100	.67
ditto			100	.67
ditto			200	.67

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at Forty Eight Cents for $100 and $1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
510.04	2.45
138.00	.67
27.60	.14
67.00	.33
67.00	.33
134.00	.65

This record reflects the purchase of the parcel of 200 acres of land in Bedford County Deed 11/683, but not of the second parcel for 106 acres of land conveyed in that same deed.

The 1803 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.4.6-1/2	34.1.3	0.55
Same	94	0.6.0	28.4.0	0.45
Same	300	0.1.0	15.0.0	0.24

On January 30, 1804, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 4/581 Joseph Wright purchased 80 acres of land from John Harrinton and Nancy Harrinton:

> "This Indenters made this 30th day of January one thousand eight hundred and four between John Harrinton and Nancy his wife of the County of Buckingham of the one part and Joseph Write of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Harrington and Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of one hundred dollars Current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the Receipt wheareof They do hearby acknowledge, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these Presents do grant bargain & sell unto the said Joseph Write, his heirs, executors & administrators for ever one certain Tract or parcel of Land, lying and being in Franklin county on the South side of Stanton River, containing eighty acres, be the same more or less, & bounded as follows to wit, Begining on Stanton River at the mouth of John Hook's Line Branch thence along his Line to Brown's Line, thence along Brown's Line to Ball's Line, thence along Ball's Line to Bruff's Branch thence down the Branch to Mathew Talberts old Pattern Line, thence along his Line to Stanton River, thence down the said River to the Begining, together with all the previledges and appertainances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining To have & To hold the said Tract or parcel of Land together with all the appertenances unto them the said Joseph Write his heirs and assigns for ever, and they the said John Harrinton and Nancy his wife do by these Presents Warrent, warrent and for ever defend the said granted Land and Premises free from the just claim or demand of them or their Heirs, or

any other personor persons whomsoever. In Witness whereof they have hearunto set their hands and Seals date above written

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of Ephraim Meador, Joseph Meador, Thomas Meador

John Harrinton
Nanney her X mark Harrinton

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse the 2d day of April 1804

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between John Harrinton & Nancy his wife of the one part and Joseph Write of the other part, was proved by the oath of Ephraim Meador, Joseph Meador, and Thomas Meador, the witnesses hereto & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
James Callaway CFC"

On March 31, 1804, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 4/582 Joseph Wright purchased 132 acres of land from John Meador, Isham Meador, Jobe Meador, Joseph Meador, and James Basham:

"This Indenture made this 31st day of march eighteen hundred and four between John Meador, Isham Meador, Jobe Meador, and Joseph Meador of Franklin County, and James Basham of Bedford County of the one part, and Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the other part Witnesseth. That the said John Meador Isham Meador, Jobe Meador Joseph Meador and James Basham in consideration of thirty six pounds of lawful money of this CommonWealth to them in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these Presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do, and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Franklin County on Stanton River containing one hundred and Thirty Two acres, be the same more or less, and is bounded as followeth: Begining at Wright's and Ball's corner Pine, thence with Ball's Line S. 24 W. 130 poles crossing Bruff's branch to a pine Browns' Line, thence with his Line S 25 E 44 poles to a W oak, the former corner being down, thence with Hook's Line N. 76 E 42 poles to a Branch thence down the same as it meanders to a corner Beech standing about one & a half poles from the Branch on the South side, thence S 46 E 52 poles to Harringtons Line Branch, thence with its meanders to Stanton River, thence up the said River as it meanders crossing the second branch mentioned above and Bruff's Branch aforesaid 132 poles to a Locust on the Bank of the said River Wright's Line, thence with his Line S 74 W 24 poles to a W. oak, S 22 W 28 to a W oak on north side Bruff's Branch near

the Brink N 55 W 84 poles to the Begining with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging and the reversion and reversions, remainder, and remainders, and of every part and parcel thereof. To have and To hold the said granted Land with the tenements, hereditements and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned, or intended to be bargained & sold, and every part & parcel thereof, with every of their rights, members, & appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns forever; and the said John Meador, Isham Meador, Jobe Meador, Joseph Meador & James Basham for themselves and their heirs, the said Land with all and singular the Premises & appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns free from the Claim or Claims of them the said John Meador Isham Meador Jobe Meador Joseph Meador, and James Basham or either of them, their or either of their heirs, and of all and every person or persons whatsoever. These boundaries contain a Tract of Land of eighty acres deeded to Joseph Wright by John Harrington In Witness whereof the said John Meador Isham Meador, Jobe Meador, Joseph Meador, and James Basham have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered	John Meador
in the presence of	Isham Meador
Cary Bandy	Job Meador
Thomas Meador	Joseph Meador
Ephraim Meador	James Basham

At a Court held for Franklin county at the Courthouse the 2d day of April 1804.

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between John Meador, Isham Meador, Job Meador, Joseph Meador, and James Basham of the one part, and Joseph Wright of the other part was proved by the oath of Cary Bandy, Thomas Meador and Ephraim Meador, the witnesses hereto ordered to be recorded

Teste,
James Callaway CFC"

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Joseph Holt District with the following household on March 26:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
March 26	Joseph Wright	1	1	4	6

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

The 1804 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stanton) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Pr Acre
Joseph Wright (Stanton)			311	1.64
ditto			200	.69
ditto			120	.23
ditto			100	.67
ditto			100	.67
ditto			200	.67
ditto			84	.17

Total amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and$1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent thereof
510.00	2.45
138.00	.67
27.60	.14
67.00	.33
67.00	.33
134.00	.65
14.28	.07

This record reflects the acquisition in 1801 of 84 acres of land in Patent Deed 47/456.

The 1804 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	Tax D C
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	1.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24

On July 23, 1804, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1040 1815 Joseph Wright sold 35 acres of land to Hezekiah Meador:

"This Indenture made the twenty third day of July Eighteen Hundred and four between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part and Hizakiah Meador of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright in Consideration of Thirty Five pounds of lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Hizakiah Meador at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained & sold and by these presents doth bargain & sell unto the said Hizakiah Meador his Heirs & Assigns a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County aforesaid on Beaverdam Creek containing thirty five acres (be the same more or less) and bounded as followeth, viz. Beginning on two horn beems _____ two Elms an ash and Locust on the South bank of Beaverdam Creek thence immediately crossing the said Creek to an Ash corner of the said Meadors and with his lines N 47 E 60 poles to his corner pine N 42 W 18 poles to a small W. Oak N 20 E 36 poles to a blown down pine N 47 E 90 poles to a white oak corner of William Board, and with his line N 55 W 24 poles to a W. Oak thence off dividing line S 47 W 166 poles to the creek aforesaid & across to the opposite bank and down as it meanders to the beginning. Together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging with the reversion & reversions, remainder & remainders and of every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said granted Land with the tenements hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned, or intended to be bargained and Sold and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Hizakiah Meador his heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph Wright for himself and his heirs the said granted Land with all & singular the premises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Hizakiah Meador his heirs & assigns free from the Claim or Claims of him the said Joseph Wright or his heirs, and of all and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed seald. & deld. Joseph Wright
in presence of

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23d. day of July 1804.

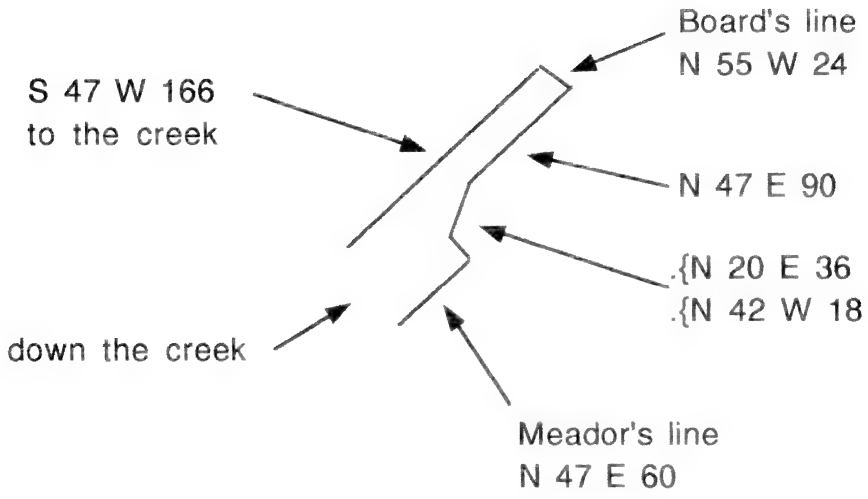
This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright of the one part & Hezekiah Meador of the other was acknowledged by the said Joseph Wright & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 11/1040



On July 23, 1804, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1041 1815 Joseph Wright sold a further 35 acres of land to Joshua Noble:

"This Indenture made the twenty third day of July Eighteen Hundred & four between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part & Joshua Noble & Hezakiah Meador both of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright in Consideration of Fifty pounds of Lawful Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joshua Noble & Hizakiah Meador at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained & sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Joshua Noble & Hezakiah Meador their Heirs & assigns a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the South side of Beaverdam Creek and whereon the Mill now stands called Noble & Meadors Mill containing thirty five acres (be the same more or less) and bounded as followeth Viz beginning on the North side of Beaverdam Creek at the Mouth of a branch boundry of William McCor____ the same mentioned the Deed Wright to Noble, thence immediately crossing the Creek to Morgans corner R. Oak and with his lines S 18 W 45 poles to his corner pine, S 10 E 92 poles to a white Oak S 37 E 26 poles to Morgans Spring Branch thence off new lines down the said branch as it meanders to Beaverdam Creek aforesaid and across to the opposite bank and up the same with its meanders (including a sufficient Mill House yard at the Mill aforesaid) to the Beginning. Together with all and singular the appertenances thereunto belonging with the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders and of every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold the said granted land with the tenements hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained & sold and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Joshua Noble & Hezakiah Meador their heirs & assigns forever and the said Joseph Wright for himself & his heirs the said granted Land with all and singular the premises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joshua Noble & Hezakiah Meador their Heirs & assigns free from the Claim or Claims of him the said Joseph Wright or his heirs and of all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day & year first above written

Joseph Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23th day of July 1804.

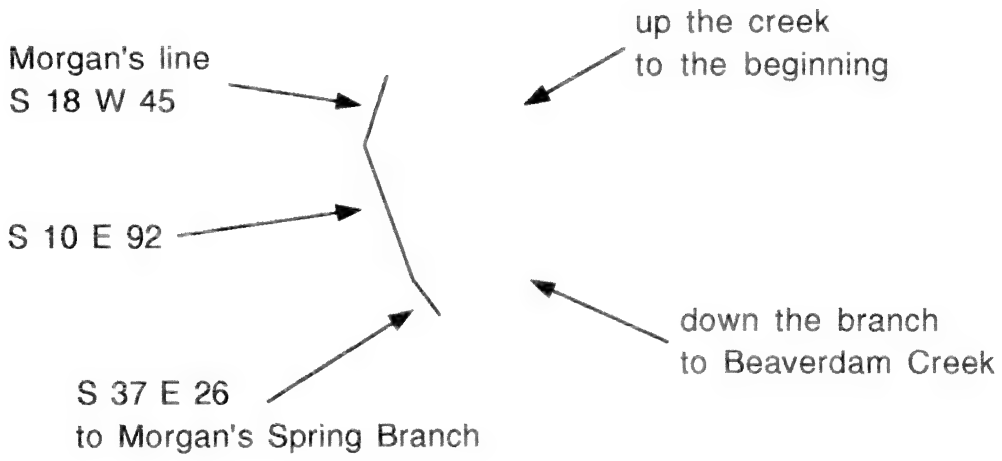
This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright of the one part & Joshua Noble & Hezakiah Meador of the other was acknowledged by the said Joseph Wright & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

A plat of the legal description of Deed 11/1041 appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 11/1041



On July 23, 1804, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 11/1042 1815 Joseph Wright sold a further 200 acres of land to Joshua Noble:

"This Indenture made the twenty third day of July One Thousand eight hundred & four between Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the one part & Joshua Noble of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright in Consideration of Seventy five pounds of lawful money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joshua Noble at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained & sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Joshua Noble his heirs & assigns a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County aforesaid on the Waters of Beaverdam Creek containing Two Hundred Acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as followeth viz, Beginning at a W. Oak in William Boards line thence with his line N 55 W 32 poles to a small W. Oak N 26 W 52 poles crossing a Road to a W. Oak of James Boards and with his lines N 47 W 54 poles to a pine N 18 W 94 poles to a Rock in the North bank of a branch called Payns Shop branch by James Boards fence thence down the said branch as it meanders to corner black gums in the Edg__ of sd branch thence N 47 W 108 poles to a branch William McCormacks boundary the last mentioned line runs along down a lesser branch part of its length to wher it emties into the above mentioned branch, thence down the said branch as it meanders to Beaverdam Creek, and down the said Creek on the North side passing by the Mill of Noble & Meador leaving a sufficient Mill Yard and down opposite the Mouth of Morgans spring branch thence taking in the Creek and crossing the road above mentioned & still down the creek opposite a small ash cor__ of Hezzakiah Meador thence across to the sd ash on the bank of the Creek, thence off dividing line N 47 E 166 poles to the beginning. Together with all & singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging with the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders and every part & parcel thereof To have & to hold the said granted Land with the tenements hereditaments and all & singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained & sold and every part & parcel thereof unto the said Joshua Noble his heirs & assigns forever and the said Joseph Wright for himself & his heirs the said granted Land with all & singular the premises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joshua Noble his heirs & assigns free from the Claim or Claims of him the said Joseph Wright or his heirs and of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall, will, and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Joseph Wright hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above written.

signd, seald, & deld. Joseph Wright
in presence of

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 23rd day of July 1804.

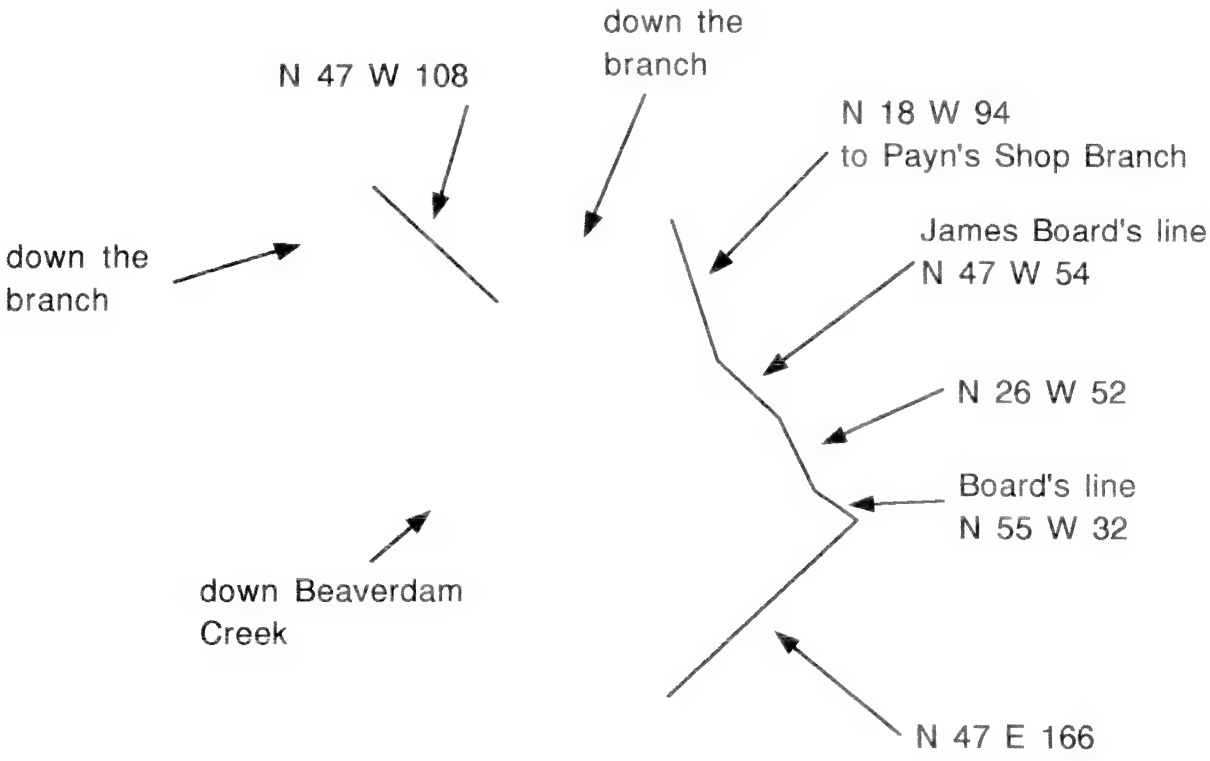
This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright of the one part & Joshua Noble of the other was acknowledged by the said Joseph Wright & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J Steptoe C.B.C."

A plat of that legal description as far as it can be drawn appears as follows:

Bedford County, Virginia

Deed 11/1042



On March 1, 1805, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 5/58 Joseph Wright purchased 130 acres of land from Keziah Ball, Hannah Ball, Nancy Ball, Joseph Ball, and Sally Ball:

> "This Indenture made this first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, between Kezia Ball, Hannah Ball, Nancy Ball, Joseph Ball & Sally Ball of Franklin County of the one part, and Joseph Wright of Bedford County of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Kezia Ball, Hannah Ball, Nancy Ball, Joseph Ball, and Sally Ball for and in consideration of the Sum of Sixty six pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright, the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowedge hath given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these Presents doth give, grant, bargain and deliver unto the said Joseph Wright, and his heirs for ever, one certain Tract or parcel of Land, situate lying and being in the County of Franklin containing by Survey one hundred and thirty acres, be the same more or less, on the South side of Stanton River, and bounded as followeth to wit Begining at Spradlin's corner Red oak on said River, thence along his Lines South fifty two degrees East 60 poles to his corner Hickory, South twelve degrees East Sixty poles to a pine, off South twenty seven degrees West one hundred and eighteen poles to a pine on a high Ridge, South Seventy six degrees West ninety eight poles to a Hickory, north ten degrees West, forty eight poles to a red oak, north thirteen degrees East ninety six poles to a Chesnut oak on a Cliff on said River, thence crossing said River to Day's Line, and down the north Bank to opposite the Begining, and thence crossing the same. To have and To hold the said Land and Premisses with its appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright and his heirs for ever, and they the said Kezia Ball, Hannah Ball, Nancy Ball, Joseph Ball and Sally Ball doth covenant for themselves, and their heirs, that they will forever Warrant and defend the said Land and premisses, unto the said Joseph Wright, and to his heirs forever. In Witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands and Seals, the day and year above written

Signed, Sealed & delivered	Kezia Ball	her
in presence of us		X
Test		mark
Rite Wright	Hannah Ball	her
Elijah Board		X
Joseph Wright		mark
	Nancy Ball	her
		X
		mark
	Joseph Ball	his
		X
		mark

Sally Ball her
mark
X

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse the first day of April 1805.

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Keziah Ball Hannah Ball, Nancy Ball, Joseph Ball & Sally Ball of the one part, and Joseph Wright of the other part, was proved by the oath of Wright Wright, Elijah Board, and Joseph Wright the Witnesses hereto & ordered to be recorded.

teste,
James Callaway C.F.C."

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright (Sto)" in the John W. Holt District with the following household on March 30:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
March 30	Joseph Wright (Sto)	1	1	4

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1805 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stanton) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly Rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Joseph Wright (Stanton)			311	1.64
Ditto			200	.69
Ditto			120	.23
Ditto			100	.67
Ditto			30	.67
Ditto			84	.17

Total Amount of the Value of Lands Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at 48 Cents for $100 and$1.56 Cents on $100 of the rent of Lots
510.04	2.45
138.00	.67
27.60	.14
67.00	.33
20.00	.10
14.28	.07

This record reflects the sales of 35 acres of land in Bedford County Deed 11/1040, 35 acres of land in Bedford County Deed 11/1041, and 200 acres of land in Bedford County Deed 11/1042.

The 1805 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	1.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24
in from Meador John & af	132	.50	66.00	0.32

This record reflects the purchase of 132 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 4/582.

On October 21, 1805, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 12/333 1815 Joseph Wright purchased 52 acres of land from Samuel Morgan:

> "This Indenture made the 21st day of October Eighteen hundred & five between Samuel Morgan of Bedford County of the one part & Joseph Wright of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Samuel Morgan for and in consideration of fifty pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowedged hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain & sell to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever one certain Tract or parcel of land situate in Bedford County aforesaid on the South side of Beaverdam Creek containing fifty two acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth viz Beginning at corners(?) corner Beach, thence up the hill Wrights line to a corner (down, then

to a corner R. Oak still on the same old lines to John Wright's corner pointers and on the same Course new lines seven & a half pole to corner R. Oak sapling thence East or nearly so forty three poles to Joseph Wrights line thence on his line seven and a half poles to his corner W. Oak still with his line to a W. Oak formerly Goggins now the said Wrights thence on the said line to the head of the mill pond Beaverdam Creek running up the said Creek to the first branch that comes into the said Creek on the south side and up the said branch to William McCormacks line thence along his line to a corner maple on the said creek, thence up the said creek to the beginning To have and to hold the above granted land and premises with all its appurtenances to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever to have use occupy possess and enjoy the same with every part and parcel there of to him the said Joseph Wright his heirs or assigns forever and against the claim him the said Samuel Morgan his heirs or assigns and against the claim and demand of all other persons whatsoever, shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend. In Witness whereof he the said Samuel Morgan hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed & deli-
vered in presence of
William Wheeler
Anthony Wright
John Wheeler
his
Anderson X McCormack
mark

his
Samuel X Morgan
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of October 1805.

This Indenture of bargain & sale between Samuel Morgan of the one part & Joseph Wright of the other was proved by the oath of John Wheeler & Wm. Wheeler two subscribing witnesses And at a Court held for the said County the 25th day of April 1808. This Indenture was further proved by the oath of Anthony Wright an other subscribing subscribing witness & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste:
J Steptoe CBC"

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Armistead Otey District with the following household on May 2:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years Old	Blacks above 16 years Old
May 2	Joseph Wright	1	3	4

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
5	

The 1806 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stanton) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No of Lots	Yearly rent of Lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre
Joseph Wright (Stan)		311	1.64	
ditto			200	.69
ditto			120	.23
ditto			100	.67
ditto			30	.67
ditto			84	.17
ditto of S Morgan			52	.67
ditto of Basham			120	
ditto of Do			100	

Total amount of the value of Land Exclusive of lots	Amount of the Tax at 48 Cents for $100 worth &$1.56 Cts on $100 of the rent of lots
510.14	2.45
138.00	.67
27.60	.24
67.00	.33
20.00	.10
14.28	.07
34.84	.16

This record reflects the purchase of 52 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 12/333. This record also reflects an acquisition of 120 acres and 100 acres from ____ Basham, but as will be set forth below in the 1807 Bedford County Land Tax List, this was probably an incorrect entry.

The 1806 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres Land	Amt of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	4.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.20
Same	132	.50	66.00	0.32

The 1806 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, also listed Joseph Wright per Hazel Ball & af with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres Land	Amt of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Joseph Wright per Hazel Ball & af	130	0.34	44.00	0.21

This record reflects the purchase of 130 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 5/58. Although the land was purchased by 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and, as will be seen below, he gave that 130 acres of land to his children in his will, the land was taxed to 1844 Joseph Wright of Hardin County, Kentucky, the son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County. What apparently happened was that 1815 Joseph Wright purchased the land, but allowed his son 1844 Joseph Wright to live on the land and treat it as his own.

On September 13, 1806, Joseph Wright consented to the marriage of his daughter Barsheba Wright to Joel Simmons:

"Sir pleas to wish licence to marry Joel Simmons and my daughter Barshaba and this warrent Shall be your receipt for the Same Septer 13th 1806

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Rite Wright
her
Patsy X Mays
mark"

Joseph Wright Sr
To the Clark of Bedford

The 1807 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed "Joseph Wright Sr." in the Southern District with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Property	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 under 16	Blacks above 16	Horses Mares Coults & Mules	Other Taxable Property in Manu-script
Joseph Wright Sr.	1	3	3	6	

The 1807 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stann) with the following property:

Persons names Owning Land	Quan-tity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total amount of the Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Total Amt. of Tax on Lots & Land
Joseph Wright (Stann)	311	1.64	510.40	2.45
ditto	200	.69	138.00	.67
ditto	120	.23	27.60	.14
ditto	100	.67	67.00	.33
ditto	84	.17	14.28	.07
ditto	52	.67	34.84	.16
not) ditto of Basham	120			
found) ditto of Do	100			

The 1807 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amt of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	Tax
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	1.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24
Same	132	.50	66.00	0.32

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household:

Persons Names 1 March 1809	No Whites Over 16 years old	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 under 16	Horses	Other Tax-able property mentioned in manuscript
Joseph Wright	1	4	2	6	

The 1809 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stant) with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount of the Vaue Of Land Exclusive of Lots
Joseph Wright (Stant)	311	1.64	510.40
do	200	.69	138.00
do	120	.23	27.60
do	100	.67	67.00
do	84	.17	14.28
do	52	.67	34.84

This record reflects a correction of the 120 acre and 100 acre parcels from Basham that were listed as not found in 1807.

The 1809 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Acres	Amt of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	1.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24
Same	132	.50	66.00	0.32

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Armistead Otey District with the following household:

Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above Sixteen years	Blacks Above Sixteen Years Old	Blacks Above twelve	Horses, Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary License
Joseph Wright	1	6		7	

Bil-liard Tables	Stud Horses	Rate of Cover-ing per Season	Coaches Chariots & post & Mules	Other riding four W. chaises	Riding Carriages with two wheels

The 1810 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stan) with the following property:

Owners of Land 1810	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of the Value Of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots and Land
Joseph Wright (Stan)	311	1.64	510.40	2.45
do	200	.69	138.00	.67
do	120	.23	27.60	.14
do	100	.67	67.00	.33
do	84	.17	14.28	.07
do	52	.67	34.84	.16

The 1810 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Snr with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Land	Amot of One Acre	Amount Of Vallueation	Tax
Joseph Wright Snr	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	.75	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24
Same	132	.50	66.00	0.32

The 1810 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Joseph Wright	1	45+				8
	1	0-10				

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the A. Otey District with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property 1 March 1811	No of Whites Over 16 years	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks over 12 under 16	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
	Joseph Wright	1	6		8

Other Taxable property
in Manuscript

The 1811 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright (Stan) with the following property:

Persons names Owning Lots & Lands 1811	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Amt. of Value of Land excluding Lots	Total Tax On Lots and Land
Joseph Wright (Stan)	311	1.64	510.04	2.65
Do	200	.69	138.00	.67
Do	120	.23	27.60	.18
Do	100	.67	67.00	.33
Do	84	.17	14.28	.04
Do	52	.67	34.84	1.06

The 1811 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Bedford with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Joseph Wright Bedford	150	0.75	113.55	0.56
Same	94	1.00	94.00	0.45
Same	300	0.17	50.00	0.24
Same	132	.50	66.00	0.32

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the Southern District with the following household:

Persons Names Owning Taxable Property last day of February 1812	Whites over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16	Horses Mares Colts &c	Other Taxable Property
Joseph Wright	1	4	1	8	

The 1812 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Stan with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land 1812	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount the Value Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	Location Lots & Land
Joseph Wright Stan	311	1.64	510.40	2.45	Stanton
Do	200	.69	134.00	.67	Same
Do	120	.23	27.60	.14	Same
Do	100	.67	67.00	.33	Same
Do	84	.17	14.28	.07	Same
Do	52	.36	34.84	.16	Same

The 1812 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sen with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	A Description and Situation of Each Tract of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Joseph Wright Sen	150	on waters of stanton	0.75	113.55	0.56
Ditto	94		1.00	94.00	0.45
Ditto	300		0.17	50.00	0.24
Ditto	132		.50	66.00	0.32

On April 30, 1813, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 7/37 Joseph Wright purchased 53 acres of land from William Basham and Amy Basham:

> "This Indenture made this 30 day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen between William Basham & Amy his wife of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the same William Basham & Amy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of Forty Dollars currency of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Joseph Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Basham & Amy his wife who hath granted Bargained & Sold, and by these presents doth grant Bargain Sell & confirm, unto the Joseph Wright a certain tract or parcel of Land Situate lying & being in the County of Franklin adjoining the Land of the said Joseph Wright, John Basham, William Bradley & David Pagan, containing fifty three acres be the same more or less, and bounded as followeth, Viz Begining at a Chesnut near a path thence north 20 West 101 poles to a chesnut near the road, thence South 50 West 18 poles to chesnut Oak, North 76 West 50 poles to a B. Oak South 20 West 16 poles to a post oak South 34 West 40 poles to a corner Post oak in Bashams Line, South 47 East 90 to a B.O in Pagans line thence North 70 East 64 poles to the Begining. To have and to hold the above granted Land and premises with all and Singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging

unto him the said Joseph Wright his heirs & assigns for ever, and the said William Basham & Amy his wife for themselves & their heirs doth covenant & agree to for ever warrant and defend the above granted Land & premises with its appurtenances against the claims of them the said William Basham & Amy his wife their heirs and assigns and against the claims & demands of all persons Whatsoever unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns for ever. In Witness whereof the said William Basham & Amy his wife hath hereunto Set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written.

Signed, Sealed &		his	
acknowledged	William	X	Basham
In presence of		mark	
John Dhart		her	
Allen Bradshaw	Amy	X	Basham
Barnett Payne		mark	
James B Scott			
Elener Dhart			

At a Court held for Franklin County December 6th 1813

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale between William Basham and Amy his wife of the one part and Joseph Wright of the other part, was proved by the oath of John Dhart, Allen Bradshaw and James B Scott three of the witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Caleb Tate, C.F.C"

On April 30, 1813, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 7/38 Joseph Wright sold 92 acres of land to John Dehart:

"This Indenture made this 30' day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirteen between Joseh Wright of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part & John Dehart of the County of Franklin & State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred & seventy six dollars to him in hand paid by the said John Dehart the Rect whereof is hereby acknowleded hath bargained Sold & by these presents doth bargain Sell & confirm unto the said John Dehart his heirs & assigns for ever one certain tract or parcel of Land Situate in Franklin County & lying on both sides of Linvills Creek containing ninety two acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows Viz Begining at Earlys corner pine thence along his lines N 3-1/2 W 60 poles to Hickory S 80 W 73 poles crossing linvills Creek to a White Oak S 14 E 172 poles crossing the Bee Branch to Hickory thence new lines N 67-3/4 E 104 poles crossing camping

run to white Oak N 21 W at 70 poles crossing Linvills Creek 96 poles to the first station. To have & to hold the said tract or parcel of Land together with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging unto him the said Dehart his heirs & assigns for ever - and the said Joseh Wright doth for himself his heirs admrs Executors &c covenant that he will for ever warrent & defend the right & title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land against the claims of all persons whatsoever unto him the said John Dehart his heirs & assigns for ever in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the day & year first above written.

James B Scott — Joseph Wright
Allen Bradshaw
John Hurlock

At a Court held for Franklin County December 6th 1813

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Joseph Wright of the one part, and John Dehart of the other part, was proved by the oath of James B Scott, Allen Bradshaw and John Hurlock, the witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Caleb Tate, C.F.C"

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household:

Date When Lists	Persons Names owning property 1813	White males over 16	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks 12 & Under 16	Horses colts mares & Mules
	Joseph Wright	1	4	1	7

Giggs & Riding Carriages of all kinds
2 & 4 wheels Stud horses jacks Mills
& Licence Ordinary Licence &c

The 1813 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Lots & Land	Quantity Of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Amount Of Land	Tax on Lots & Land	
Joseph Wright Sr	311	1.64	510.04	3.26	on Stanton
ditto	200	.69	138.00	.88	on the same
ditto	120	.23	27.60	.17	on the same
ditto	100	.67	67.00	.43	on the same
ditto	84	.17	14.28	.09	on the same
ditto	52	.36	34.84	.22	on the same

The 1813 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright S with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Description & Situation of Each Tract	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Joseph Wright S	150	Stanton	0.75	113.55	0.75
Same	94		1.00	94.00	0.60
Same	300		0.17	50.00	0.32
Same	132		.50	66.00	0.43

On August 14, 1813, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joseph Wright executed a contract to sell to John McCormack a parcel of land:

> "Memorandum of An Agreement Made and entered into this 14th day of August 1813 Between Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford of the One part and John McCormack of the County Aforesaid of the other part; Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright hath Sold Unto the said John McCormack a Certain tract of land the quantity unknown to begin on Cates Creek in Micajah McCormacks line & to run with his line to Richard McCormack's Corner White Oak, and with his line to Stewarts line and with his line Crossing Beaverdam to the South end of Buck hill & thence along the top of Buck hill to Beaverdam Creek & down said Creek to the Mouth of Cates Creek Crossing Beaverdam & Up Cates on the South Side there of to Begining for the aforesaid tract of land within the boundaries aforesaid the said John McCoramck Obliges him self to pay to the said Joseph Wright the Sum of One hundred dollars as follows Viz ten pounds on Or before the 25th day of December Next, ten pounds on or before the 25th day of December in the year 1814 & the balance of ten pounds on or before the 25th day December in the year 1815. The said Joseph Wright Obliges himself his heirs &c to make or cause to be made Unto the said John McCormack his heirs or assigns a good & lawful title to the aforesaid tract of land within the lines aforesaid. When the

aforesaid payments are fully Made - It is further Agreed by the parties that in case the said John McCormack Shall fail to make full payment for the aforesaid tract of land by the time the last paid becomes due that he the said John McCormack is to return to the said Joseph Wright his hiers or assigns the Aforesaid tract of land with a good & Sufficient fence around all the land that be Cleared fit for Croping. And the said John McCormack Obliges himself to Commit No Waste of of timber on the said tract of land Nor to Suffer it to be done by Others to be Carried off the Said land, Nor to give Or dispose of any timber without having first paid for the said tract of land. And in case the said John McCormack Makes any payments toward the said tract of land And fails to Make full payment by the 25th day of December 1815 the Said Joseph Wright is to return to the said John McCormack such payments as may have been made without Interest & receive the said tract of land in the Order above Mentioned. And this Contract as respects the Sale & purchase of the said tract of land is to be Void, Otherwise to remain in ful force for the true & faithful performance of the Covenants Contained in the foregoing Agreement the parties bind themselves to each other in the penalty of two hundred dollars In Witness Whereof the parties have here Unto set their hands & Seals the day & year first here in before Written

Teste
John Pate
Richard McCormadk
James his X mark Nimmo

Joseph Wright
John his X mark McCormack

I assign this covenant unto Peter Dent for value received to Wit, Peter Dent is to pay the purchase money and Interest and I acknowledge the receipt of Forty Seven Dollars in full Witness my hand this 6th September 1815

Witness
Law: McGeorge
Joseph his X mk" Barker

John his X MK McCormick

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Taxable in the district of William Leftwich pr Com, Rev. Bedford 1814	White Males Over 16 yrs	free Male Negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Blacks Over 16 years	Blacks Over 12 & under 16
Joseph Wright	1		4	1

Total of free negroes & Mulattos Over 16	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Other Taxable Property
	6	

The 1814 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Joseph Wright	prem.	fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		
Do		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		311	Santon Adjg Same Morgan John Jeter &c
		200	same same
		120	same same
		100	same same
		84	same same
		52	same same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total Of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17SW	1.64	510.04	4.35	4.35	
	.69	138.00	1.17	1.17	
	.23	27.60	.23	.23	
	.67	67.00	.58	.58	
	.17	14.28	.12	.12	
	.36	34.84	.30	.30	

The 1814 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Joseph Wright Sr	in Bedford	fee Simple		
Same	" "	" "		
Same	" "	" "		
Same	" "	" "		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Lots	Descriptionof Land
		150	Stanton
		300	Joining
		132	Joining
		53	Linvill

Distance & Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Valuation of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Total Amount of Tax on Land and Lots	Explanation of Alterations During the Preceding Year
25NE	.75	113.55	.96	.96	
25NE	.17	50.00	.42	.42½	
25NE	.50	66.00	.56	.56	
25NE	.84	44.52	.38	.38	by Deed from W. Basham

This record reflects the purchase of 53 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 7/37.

On August 18, 1814, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 14/222 1815 Joseph Wright sold 150 acres of land to Christopher Bewley:

"This Indenture made this Eignteenth day of August One Thousand Eighteen hundred and fourteen, between Joseph Wright Senr. of Bedford County of the One part and Christopher Bewley of said County of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Joseph Wright for and in Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred and five Pounds To him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Christopher Bewley One hundred and fifty Acres of Land in Bedford County on the waters of Beaver dam Creek be the same more or less, and bounded as follows (to wit) Begining on Paynes corner white Oak at the west end of Doe hill, thence nearly East new lines to a Chesnut Oak on the end of Doe hill, thence on a new line to said Wrights and William MCormack's corner Beach on Beaver dam Creek, thence on said William MCormacks line, now cald Stewart line to a corner Hickory on the South end of buck hill, thence a new line to the top of buck hill and to Beaver dam Creek to a corner White Oak on a Rock, thence up said Creek to Bashams line, thence on said line to a corner white Oak in Masons line, thence on said to a corner Pine in James Paynes line, thence on said Paynes line to the Begining, one hundred Acres Deeded by Nathan Basham, the other fifty by James Johnson, to the said Joseph Wright, To have and to hold the said granted Land and premises with every part and parcel thereof unto him the said Christopher Bewley his Heirs and Assigns forever and I Joseph Wright doth agree to and with the said Christopher Bewley his Heirs or Assigns that he shall and will warrant and forever defend the above granted Land and premises from him his heirs or assigns, and from all other persons claim or claims unto the said Christopher Bewley and his Heirs forever.

In Witness whereoff I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and Date first Written.

Assignd in the presents of — Joseph Wright
Wilson Meador
John Bewley
W Ba Meador
Leroy Jordan
Benjamin Meador

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24tn day of October 1814.

This Indenture of bargain & Sale between Joseph Wright Senr of the One part & Christopher Bewley of the other, was proved by the Oath of John Bewley Leroy Jordan & Benjamin Meador three subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J Steptoe CBC"

On October 3, 1814, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 7/205 Joseph Wright, Sr., gave 130 acres of land to David Wright and Littleberry Wright:

"This Indenture made & entered into this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen between Joseph Wright Sr of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part & David Wright & Littleberry Wright both of the County of Franklin & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Wright for & in consideration of the love & good will which he has for the said David & Littleberry Wright hath this day granted & confirmed and by these presents doth grant alien & confirm to the said David Wright & Littleberry Wright one certain tract of Land containing one hundred & thirty Acres Situate in the County of Franklin & lying on the waters of Linvills Creek & Bounded as follows viz. Begining at a red oak thence S 33-1/2 W 52 poles to a post Oak thence along John Bashams lines S 45- 1/2 W 55 poles to Post Oak S 46-1/4 W 24 poles to Hickory on Branch S 76 W 27 poles to red oak S 53 W 56 poles to post Oak thence new line N 36 W 66 pole to a Maple on the Cow Branch thence down the said Branch as it meanders to a maple off thence N 64-1/2 E 38 poles to pine S 64 E 67 poles to a white Oak S 80 E 122 poles to the first station To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract of Land together with all the appurtinances thereunto belonging unto them the said David Wright & Littleberry Wright their heirs & assigns forever The said Joseph Wright Jr. doth Covenant for himself his heirs & assigns that he will for ever warrant and defend the right & title of the aforesaid tract of Land against the claims of all persons whatsoever unto them the said David & Littleberry Wright their heirs & assigns for ever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year first above written

Sign'd Seal'd delivered in presence of
Joseph Wright
Martin G Wright
Benjamin Meadors

Joseph Wright

At a Court held for Franklin County December 5th 1814

This Deed of Gift from Joseph Wright Sr. To David Wright and Littleberry Wright was proved by the oath of Joseph Wright, Martin G. Wright and Benjamin Meadors the Witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Caleb Tate, C.F.C"

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright, Sr., with the following household on May 19:

Date	Names	No. of white males above 16 yrs old	Slaves between 9 & 12 years old	Slaves above 12 years old	Horses asses mules mares & Colts
May 19	Joseph Wright, Sr.	1		5	5

Stud horses No.	Rate of Covering mares	No. of heads of Cattle	Carriages 2 wheeled riding carriages	Carriages Phaetons & stage waggons	Carriages Publick stages	all other 4 wheeled riding Carriages
		21				

Mills	Toll Bridges & Ferrys	Tan yards	Free male negroes above 16 years old	Watches Gold silver or pinchmark	Watches Single Cased Gold	Watches Double Case Gold

Livery stables & No of stals or ____ sufficient for The accommodation of one horse	houses in the country exceeding in value $500	Ice houses for private use	Ice houses from which ice is sold	Clocks works of wood without case	Clocks works of wood in the case	Clocks works principally of metal

Clocks [cont'd]				Furniture
of value between 50 & 100$	of Value of $100 & upwards	Coal Pitts	Printers& the subscriptions annually to their papers	Bureau, secatary or book case chest of Drawers wardrobe clothes press Dining Table or Separate __ of bedsteads Side Board without Drawers or doors Tea Tables or Card Table in whole or __ of mahogany Ce__ett or side board with drawers or or doors Settee or Sopha chairs Carpets window curtains & venetian blinds within the window of any house

Furniture [Cont'd]		
Portraits Pictures print or Engraving mirror or Looking Glass Pianoforte Harpsicord Organ or Harp	Urn Coffee or Tea pot Candlesticks __ Chandelier __ or __ andole wash bason stand or salver Tankard Cups or Waiter	Total ___ of Tax $ cts
		5.68

The 1815 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Sr. with the following property:

Persons Names	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Joseph Wright Sr	prem	fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots in Dollars & Cents	Amount of Tax on Lots at $2.77 p $100 Rent	Number Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		311	On Stanton Adjg John Jeters &c
		200	On the same adj the same
		120	On the same adj the same
		100	On the same adj the same
		84	On the same adj the same
		52	On the same adj the same

Distance & Genl bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes On Land at 85 Cts Per $100 Value	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17SW	1.64	570.04	4.35		
17SW	.69	34.50	.20		
17SW	.23	27.60	.23		
17SW	.67	67.00	.58		
17SW	.17	14.28	.12		
17SW	.36	34.84	.30		

The 1815 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Joseph Wright	Bedford	Fee Simp	150	Stanton
Same	Same	Same	300	Joining
Same	Same	Same	132	Joining
Same	Same	Same	53	Linvill

Distance an Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Vallua-tion of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
25NE	.75	113.55	.96	
25NE	.17	50.00	.43	
25NE	.50	66.00	.56	
20NE	.84	52.00	.38	

The will of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County was dated on February 21, 1815, probated on September 11, 1815, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Book A/15, and provided as follows:

> "In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit; first I give and bequeath to my Daughter Barsheba Simmons wife of Joel Simmons a Tract of Land lying in Franklin County on Staunton River bound by said River, Balls line & Bruffs branch containing One hundred acres be the same more or less. 2ndly I give and bequeath to my grand children Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador, Judith Meador, & John Meador, children of my Daughter Nancy Meador, deceased one negro Girl named Juggy to be equally divided between them, with her future increase. 3rdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith McCormack, wife of William McCormack, one negro girl named Tabb, to be by her possessed during her natural life, and at her death, I give the said Negro Girl Tabb, and any increase she may have, to the lawful heirs of her body. I also give her one Seal Skin Trunk. 4thly I give to my Daughter Patsy Mayse One Iron Bound Chest. 5thly I give and bequeath to my three eldest sons, Thomas, John & Joseph Wright and to my five daughters, Mary Greer, Agness Mayse, Judith McCormack, Patsy Mayse & Barsheba Simmons, and to the Heirs of my Daughter Nancy Meadors, decd. one hundred and fifty acres of Land in Franklin County, whereon my son Joseph Wright now lives. Also one hundred and thirty acres adjoining the same called Balls place to be equally divided between them. 6thly, All the balance of my Estate both real and personal of every description after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my five sons, Thomas, John, Joseph, Matthew, & Rite Wright, & to my five daughters, Mary Greer, Agness Mayse, Judith McCormack, Patsy Mayse, & Barsheba Simmons, & to the Heirs of my Daughter Nancy Meador, decd. to be equally divided between them respectively. 7thly & lastly I do hereby appoint my son Matthew Wright & my son in Law, James Mayse, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other or

former wills heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of February 1815.

Signd. & Acknowledged In Presence of
Jno. Pate
his
James X Spradlin
mark
Joshua Noble

Joseph Wright

At a Superior Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 11th day of September 1815. This Last Will and Testament of Joseph Wright Decd. was proven by the oaths of James Spradlin & Joshua Noble, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Matthew Wright & James Mayse the Executors therein named who made oath and gave bond and security according to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

J.C. Steptoe, CBSC"

From this record the following children of 1815 Joseph Wright can be identified as follows:

1) Barsheba Simmons, wife of Joel Simmons,
2) Nancy Meador, deceased, and her children:
   a) Jane Meador,
   b) Jubal Meador,
   c) Joseph Meador,
   d) Judith Meador, and
   e) John Meador,
3) Judith McCormack, wife of William McCormack,
4) Patsey Mayse,
5) Thomas Wright,)
6) John Wright,) eldest sons
7) Joseph Wright,)
8) Mary Greer,

9) Agness Mayse,

10) Matthew Wright, and

11) Rite Wright.

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Joseph Wright was dated on September 29, 1815, filed on September 14, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Book A/15, and listed the following estate:

"Inventory of the personal estate of Joseph Wright Deceased as appraised by the Commissioners agreeable to an order of Bedford Court viz

1 negro woman named Suck	200.00	
1 negro woman named Lucy	400.00	
1 negro man named Sam	450.00	
1 negro man named Peter	500.00	
1 negro girl named Oney	200.00	
1 negro boy named Harry	160.00	1910.00
1 blind bay mare	12.00	
1 blind grey horse	5.00	
1 sorrel mare	85.00	
1 Bay horse	85.00	
1 ditto	60.00	
1 stud horse	100.00	347.00
1 Old bull	20.00	
1 Bull cow & calf	15.00	
1 speckled cow & calf	15.00	
1 old brindled do do	10.00	
1 young ____	12.00	
1 small ____	10.00	
1 red cow	12.00	
1 pied do	12.00	
1 large red steer	17.00	
1 red and brindled yearlings	7.00	
1 Brindled steer	6.00	
1 Pied do	10.00	
1 Young bull	10.00	
1 brindle heifer	8.00	
1 red ditto	7.00	
2 Yearlings heifer & star	7.00	178.00
7 hogs @ $8.00	56.00	
21 do @ 3.00	63.00	
4 pr. sole leather	8.00	
3 pr. refer do	8.00	

6 sides soal do	15.00	
1 raw hide	2.50	151.50
Amt. brot. forward		$2587.50
1 waggen	40.00	
1 Bed bedstead & furniture	40.00	
1 Red bedstead & furniture No 2	30.00	
1 Red bedstead & furniture 3	15.00	
1 Red bedstead & furniture No 4	12.00	
3 Rose blankets & 1 sheet	8.00	
1 Cupboard	18.00	
1 walnut table	2.50	
1 pine do	.75	
5 plates & 3 basons & 3 dishes	6.00	
10 new basons	12.00	
1 Brick skin	1.50	
9/4 lb flax & tow thread	3.06¼	
11 1/4 lb wool	5.62½	
1 shirt pattern & 2 remnants miret cloth	4.25	
1 pr wool cards	.75	184.43¾
1 tin tea pot & marking	.12	
1 p. steelyards	2.00	
1 lantern	.50	
1 small trunk	1.25	
1 looking glass	1.00	
10 chairs @ 2/	3.33⅓	
2 Dirks	.25	
2 slays	1.25	9.71½
1 pr. money scale weights & lancets	.50	
sundry greens ware &c	1.00	
1 womans saddle	.50	
3 meal tubs	.50	
1 gun barrel	.12½	
1 Xcut saw	5.00	
3 bells	1.50	
24 spools	.75	
1 rasp, file, shovel, pan handles &c	1.50	
1 saddle, bridle & saddle bags	7.00	18.37½
Amount Brot. forward		$2800.02¾
5 shovel plows	3.00	
3 screwaugers 1 pod auger &c hammers	2.25	
Gimblets, chissels, nippers, shoe hammer and saw set	1.00	
4 swingletrees 4 clevises &c	2.50	
1 Iron wedge & 2 drawing knives	1.50	
4 axes	3.50	

2 large jugs	2.00	
1 hand saw	1.75	
1 set waggon boxes, lock chains Tomahawk &c	2.50	
1 shovel mould 16-1/4 lb @ 5d	1.12½	
5-1/4 lb B. Steel	.87½	
2 p. Taylors shears	.12½	
1 set brach bands	.50	
1 Keg, half bushel & small tub	1.25	
2 pr. back band leather	.75	24.62½
7 hoes & mattocks & 1 froe	5.00	
3 Colters	2.50	
1 grind stone	.25	
1 Jointer	.50	
3 ovens & 1 lid	3.00	
3 potts & pot hooks	5.00	
2 sad Irons and 1 pr tongs	2.00	
2 butter pots	3.00	
2 hackles & frying pan	1.00	
1 tea kettle, & coffee mills	3.00	
2 cotton wheels	1.25	
3 flax wheels	7.00	
2 churms	1.67	
1 pott rack	1.00	
3 poles & friggen	1.50	
1 Halter chain	.75	
3 Earthen plates	.25	38.67
Amount Brot forward		$2863.32
1 coffee pot, flisk, straner &c	.50	
1 han	.50	
Sundry books	1.50	
1 Tar barrel, bucket & Cyder cask	2.00	
2 fat tubs	1.25	
3 cider casks & 1 old barrel	1.50	
Geer for 4 horses & phames &tc	8.00	
1 Cutting box & knife	1.25	
2 sythes & cradles	1.00	
12 cyder casks 1 hhd & 1 tub	4.00	
1 cyder cask	1.50	
108 Bus. wheat @ 4/6	81.00	
4 Hhd & 3 tubs	5.00	
1 Cyder Mill	3.00	
2 shocks of hemp	4.00	
40 Bushels of rye	20.00	
6 Hhds & 1 tub	6.25	

1 old wagen body	1.00	
a parcel of watered flax	15.00	
a parcel do not watered	3.50	
5 Bee stands	3.00	
1 silver natch	12.00	
2 meal bag	1.00	
1 flax brake	.25	180.90
		$3043.32

Agreeable to an order of the worshipful Court of Bedford to us directed we have this day appraised the personal estate of Joseph Wright Decd and find the same to amount to the above sum of $3043.32. Given under our hands this 29th day of September 1815.

George his X mark Medley
Tommey Wright
John his X mark Dent
Edmund Pate

At a Superior Court of law held for Bedford County at the courthouse this 14th day of September 1818.

This Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Joseph Wright Deceased was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste
J C Steptoe CBSC"

On December 25, 1815, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/104 commissioners were appointed to divide and allot the land of the estate of Joseph Wright:

"Ord. that John Pate & Leroy Jourdan be appd. in the room of George Medley & Wm. Miller to lay off & allot the Lands of Joseph Wright Dee amognst his representatives & report to Court"

The 1816 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Estate with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Joseph Wright	prem.	fee		
estate		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		
ditto		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		311	On Stanton adj John Jeter &c
		50	On the same adj the same
		120	On the same adj the same
		100	On the same adj the same
		84	On the same adj the same
		52	Adjoining the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Taxes on Land & Lots	Total of Tax On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding(?) year(?)
17SW	1.64	570.04	3.83		
	.69	34.50	.25		
	.23	27.60	.20		
	.67	67.00	.50		
	.17	14.28	.11		
	.36	34.84	.25		

This record reflects the sale of 150 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 14/222.

The 1816 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Ded with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Joseph Wright Ded		in fee	150	Stanton
Ditto		in fee	300	Joining
Ditto		in fee	132	Joining
Ditto		in fee	53	Joining

Distance an Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Vallua-tion of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
25NE	.75	113.55	.85	
25NE	.17	50.00	.38	
25NE	.50	66.00	.50	
20NE	.84	52.00	.39	

This record confirms the identification of the Joseph Wright who owned the land in this list as 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County.

On January 31, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/66 the heirs of 1815 Joseph Wright sold 50 acres of land to Peter Dent:

> "This Indenture made made this thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen between Thomas Wright, John Wright Joseph Wright Martin Greer & Mary his wife Samuel Mayse and Agness his wife William McCormack and Judith his wife, Matthew Wright, Wright Wright, James Mayse and Patsy his wife Joel Simmons and Barsheba his wife and Thomas Wright James Mayse John Turner and Matthew Wright guardians for Jane Meadow, Jubal Meadow, Joseph Meador, Judith Meador and John Meador children and distributees of Nancy Meador decd. heirs and legatees of Joseph Wright decd. of Bedford County and state of Virginia of the one part and Peter Dent of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright & others for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars current money of the United states to them in hand paid by the said Peter Dent the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Thomas Wright and others who hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said Peter Dent his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the said County of Bedford on Beaverdam and Cates Creeks containing Fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth to wit; Begining on Cates Creek in

Micajah McConnack's line & to run with his line to Richard McCormacks corner white oak, and with his line to Stewarts line, and with his line crossing Beaverdam Creek to the south end of Buck hill and thence along the top of Buck hill to Beaverdam Creek and down said Creek to the mouth of Cates Creek crossing Beaverdam and up Cates Creek on the south side thereof to the begining. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of Land with its appurtenances unto the said Peter Dent his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas Wright, John Wright Joseph Wright, Martin Greer and Mary his wife Samuel Mayse and Agness his wife William McCormack & Judith his wife Matthew Wright, Wright Wright, James Mayse and Patsy his wife Joel Simmons and Barsheba his wife, & Thomas Wright James Mayse and John Turner & Matthew Wright guardians for Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador Judith Meador and John Meador children and distributees of Nancy Meadow decd. heirs and legatees of the said Joseph Wright decd. for themselves and their heirs doth covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend the above granted land and premises with all its appurtenances against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever unto the said Peter Dent his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Sign'd, Sealed and
acknowledged
In presence of
Lawrence McGeorge
James Wright
Tommy Wright
Leroy Jourdan

Thos. Wright
Joseph Wright
William McCormack
Judith McCormack
James Mayse
Patsy Mayse
Thos. Wright Guardn
for Joseph Meador
James Mays guardn
for Jubal Meador
Matthew Wright
Rite Wright
Judith McCormack
Matthew Wright Guardn
for Judith Meador

Franklin County to wit,

We Lewis Turnbull and Stephen Smith magistrates of said county, do hereby certify that William McCormack and Judith his wife parties to the within conveyance hath duly acknowledged the same before us, and the said Judith being duly examined seperate and apart from her said husband doth relinquish her right of dower in and to the land in this Indenture mentioned and that she doth the same voluntarily and of her own accord and not influenced by the

threats or persuasions of her said husband and that she together with William McCormack her husband desires that the acknowledgment aforesaid may be recorded. Taken and subscribed before us this 26th day of August 1816.

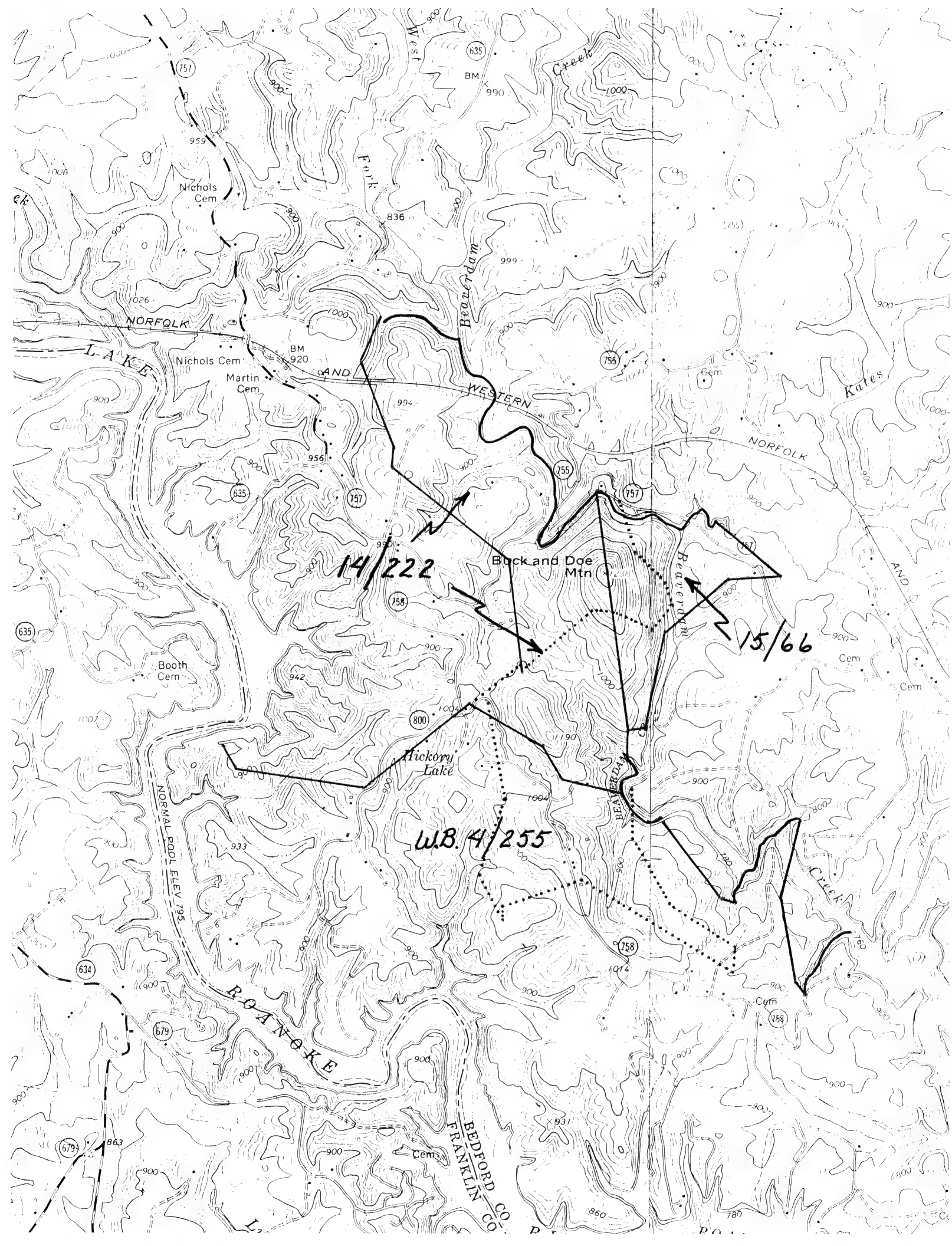
Lewis Turnbull
Ste. Smith

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of August 1816.

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Thomas Wright John Wright, Joseph Wright, Martin Greer & Mary his wife Samuel Mayse and Agness his wife William McCormack and Judith his wife Matthew Wright, Wright Wright, James Mayse & Patsy his wife, Joel Simmons and Bershaba his wife and Thomas Wright, James Mayse, John Turner and Matthew Wright guardians for Jane Meador, Jubal Meador Joseph Meador Judith Meador & John Meador of the one part and Peter Dent of the other was proved as to all the above mentioned men by the oath of Lawrence McGeorge and James Wright two subscribing witnesses and certified by two magistrates of Franklin County as to the said William McCormack and wife and as to them ordered to be recorded. And afterwards Viz: at a Court held for said County at the Courthouse the 27th day of August following the same was further proved by the oath of Tommy Wright another subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

This legal description follows the lines of the northern portion of Deed 10/504. By following the legal description of Deed 15/66 along the lines of Deed 10/504 to the south end of Buck Hill and then following the line given in Deed 15/66 over the top of Buck Hill to Beaverdam Creek and then along Beaverdam and Cate's Creeks to the beginning, a plat of the lines of Deed 15/66 can be obtained and appears on the map on the following page.



West
Creek
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Beaverdam
Nichols Cem
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LAKE
Nichols Cem
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AND
WESTERN
NORFOLK
Kates
Cem
14/222
Buck and Doe Mtn
Beaverdam
15/66
Booth Cem
Hickory Lake
BEAVERDAM
W.B. 4/255
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
ROANOKE
Creek
BEDFORD CO
FRANKLIN CO
Cem

On July 22, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/255 a Division and Allotment of the land of 1815 Joseph Wright located in Bedford County was filed with the county court:

"Laid off the Land of Joseph Wright Decd in the following maner to wit. Lot No 1. Containing 50 acres in Bedford County Begining at an ash on Stanton River off North 15 East 162 poles to a White oak North 83 East 56 poles to a pine South 15 West 70 poles to a Branch thence down the same as it meanders to the river thence up the same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No. 2nd Containing 80 acres in Bedford County Begining at the mouth of a small Branch on Stanton River off North 14 East 130 poles to pointers South 88 West 110 poles to a white oak South 15 West 50 poles to a Branch thence Down the same as it meanders to the river thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No 3. 105 acres in Bedford County Begining at the Mouth of a Small Branch on Stanton River off North 14 East 90 poles to pointers South 78 East 130 poles to a white oak North 35 East 42 poles to a Spanish oak in Beaver Dam Creek thence Down the same as it meanders to Stanton River thence up the Same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No. 4. 125 acres in Bedford County Begining at a Spanish oak on Beaver Dam Creek off South 35 West 42 poles to a White oak North 78 West 130 poles to pointers north 14 East 40 poles to pointers North 5 East 90 poles to a red oak on the road north 10 East 20 poles North 40 East 20 poles South 85 East 21 poles to a red oak north 45 East 38 poles to the Said Creek thence Down the Same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No 5. 89 acres in Bedford County Begining at pointers North 5 East 90 poles to a red oak north 75 West 76 poles to a Red oak North 42 West 41 poles to a White oak West 32 poles to a White oak South 15 West 112 poles to pointers north 83 East 22 poles to a pine South 14 West 28 poles to a white oak North 88 East 110 poles to the Begining

Lot No 6. 160 acres in Bedford County Begining at a maple on the Creek South 45 West 38 poles to a red oak North 85 West 21 poles South 40 West 20 poles South 10 West 20 poles to a Red oak North 75 West 76 poles to a red oak North 42 West 41 poles to a white oak West 32 poles to a white oak north 75 West 42 poles to a Red oak north 6 poles to pointers north 78 West 32 poles to a white oak North 25 East 140 poles to a white oak in Mccomacks line, thence with it South 37 East 70 poles to a maple on a Branch thence Down the Same to the Creek thence Down the Creek off South 15 West 86 poles to a pine South 9

East 96 poles to a Post oak South 36 East 26 poles to a Branch thence Down the Same to the Creek thence Down the Same to the Begining

Lot No 7. 310 acres in Bedford County Begining at a Beach on the Creek off north 75 West 60 poles north 30 West 37 poles to a Chesnut oak on Doe Hill North 60 West 86 poles to a white oak off Dividing Lines South 5 East 92 poles to a red oak at the head of a Branch thence Down the same 164 poles thence to a Chesnut tree thence South 28 poles to the river thence Down to Morgans Corner thence with his Line to pointers South 78 East 70 poles to a White oak North 25 East 140 poles to a white oak north 37 West 40 poles to a poplar on the Creek thence up the Same to the Begining

Lot No 8. 205 acres in Bedford County Begining at a white oak South 50 West 146 poles to a red oak North 81 West 140 poles to a red oak North 30 West 20 poles to a pine on Stanton River thence Down the Same to a White oak off East 62 poles to pointers South 45 East 138 poles to 3 small Sowerwoods South 78 East 66 poles to 2 white oaks East 50 poles to a Hicory South 27 East 70 poles to a Chesnut thence in to a Branch thence up the Same 164 poles to a small red oak N 2 Wes 92 poles to the Begining

Lot No 9. 193 acres in Franklin County Composed of 2 tracts the one 140 acres Begining on a pine South 24 West 130 poles to a pine South 25 East 68 poles to a White oak East 42 poles to a Branch thence Down the Same as it meanders 94 poles to a Beach off South 46 East 56 poles to a Branch thence Down the Same to the river thence up the same to the mouth of Buffs Branch thence up the Branch to a a white oak North 55 West 83 poles to the Begining the other 53 acres Begining at a Chesnut north 20 East 101 poles to a Chesnut South 50 West 18 poles to a C.O. N 76 W 50 poles to a B oak South 20 West 16 poles to a P.O. South 24 W. 40 poles to a P.O. S 47 E 90 poles to a B.Q. No. 70 E 64 poles to the Begining

Lot No. 9 Bershaba Simmons's

Lot No 10. 410 acres in Franklin County Begining at a Horn Beam on Stanton River off S 23 W 38 poles to a W.O. S 20 E 156 poles to a pine S 58 W 40 poles to a maple on Cow Branch thence up the same 140 poles to a Dogwood off S 36 E 68 poles to a P.O. S 40 W 64 poles to a W.O. N 28 W. 60 poles to a B.O. N 85 W 105 poles to a R.O. N 7 W 132 poles to 3 Chesnuts N 70 W 34 poles to a red oak N 15 West 38 poles to a W.O north 25 W. 96 poles to a pine N 50 E 154 poles to a C.T. on the river thence Down the Same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No. 11. 200 acres in Franklin County Begining at a red oak N. 85 West 95 poles to a red oak S 87 W. 60 poles to a W.O S 3 E 88 poles to an O. S 20 E 76

poles to a W.O. West 62 poles to pointers S 15 W. 46 poles to an O. S 20 W 52 poles to a poplar S 76 W. 52 poles to a Gum N 5 E 56 poles to 2 R.O N 20 E 34 poles to a red oak N 46 E 72 poles to a R.O. N 17 W. 52 poles to pointers N 57 W. 46 poles to a R.O N 47 E 56 poles to an O N 17 E 116 poles to pointers N 15 W 22 poles to a Hicory N 68 E 112 poles to a W.O. S 15 E 38 poles to a R.O S 70 E 34 poles to 3 small Chesnuts S 7 E 132 poles to the Begining

Moses Greer Jr.

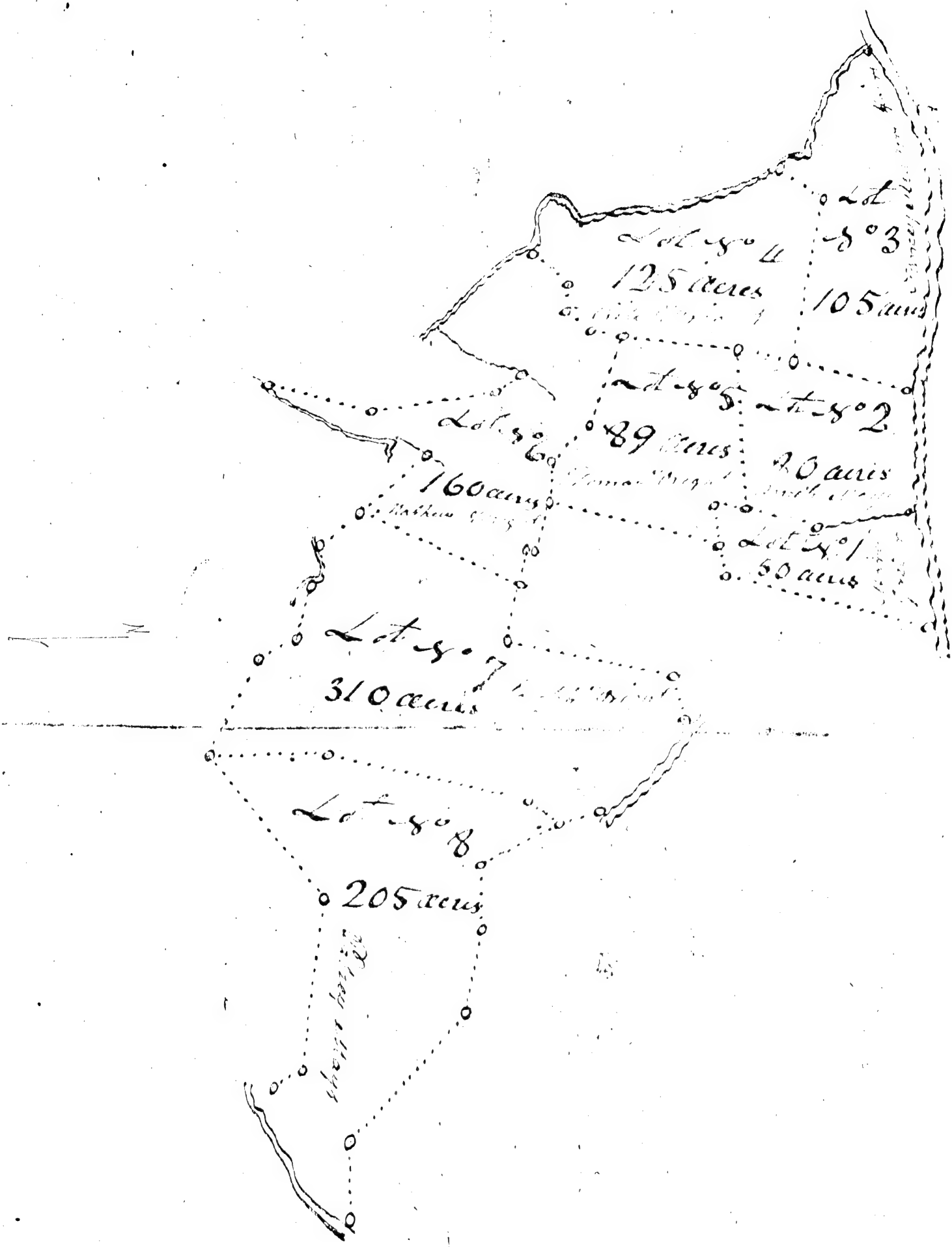
Lot No. 10 - Judith MCormicks)
Lot No. 11 - John Wrights) in Franklin
Not No. 9 - Bershaba Simmons's)

No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 land in Bedford the names of those who drew them is inserted in the Body of their Plots, Given under our hands as Commissioners appointed by the worshipfull court of Bedford to divide the lands of Joseph Wright Decd - 22 June 1816

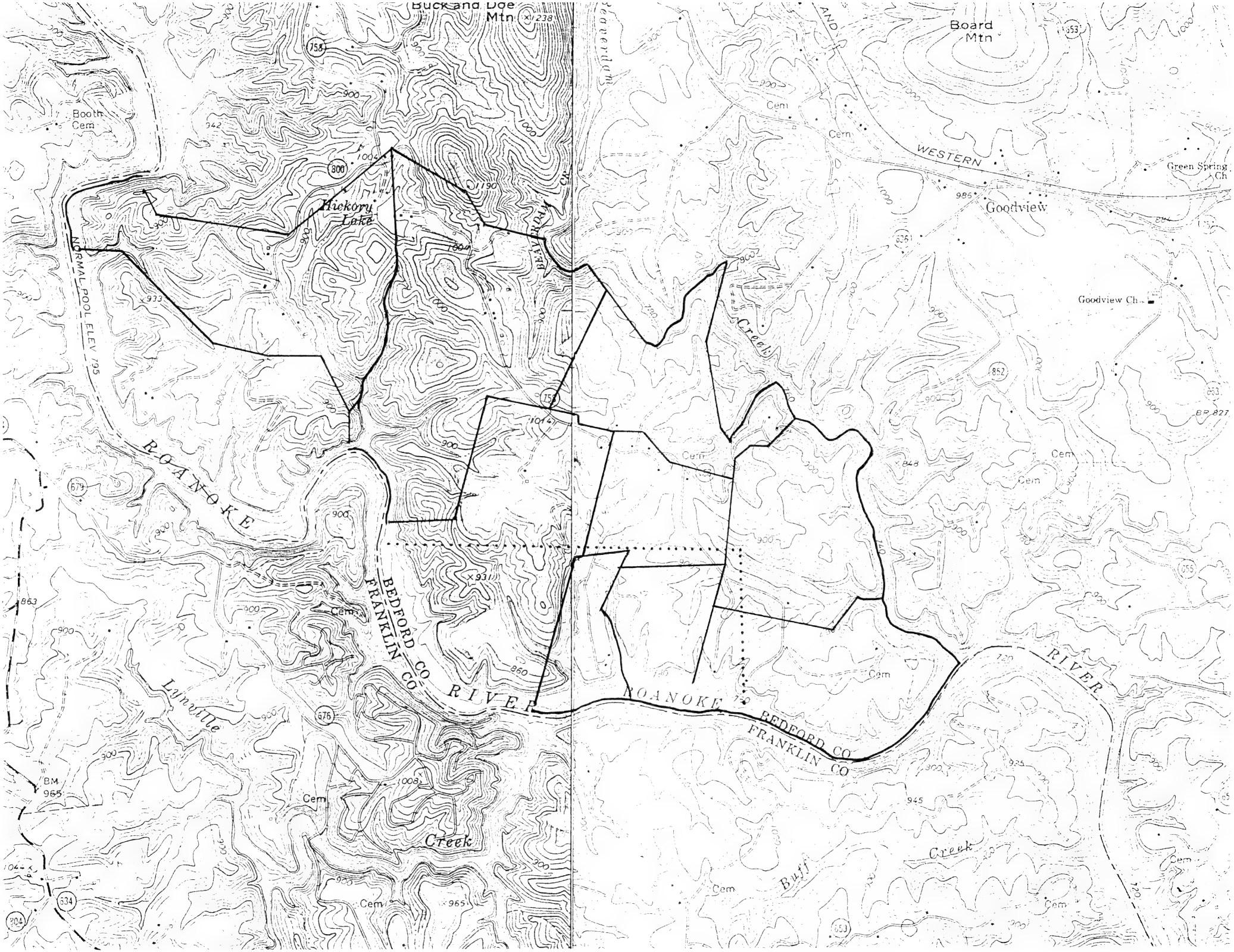
Lawrence McGeorge
Tommey Wright
Leroy Jordan

The commissioners claim)
5 days services each)"

A map accompanying that division and allotment appears as follows:


Lot No 4
125 acres
Lot No 3
105 acres
Lot No 5
Lot No 2
89 acres
Lot No 6
160 acres
30 acres
Lot No 1
50 acres
Lot No 7
310 acres
Lot No 8
205 acres

A plat of the legal descriptions from Bedford County W.B. 4/255 overlaid on the original purchases in 1762 of Bedford County Deeds 2/81 and 2/83 appears as follows:


Buck and Doe Mtn
Board Mtn
Booth Cem
Hickory Lake
NORMAL POOL ELEV 795
BEDFORD CO
FRANKLIN CO
ROANOKE RIVER
Goodview
Goodview Ch
Green Spring Ch
WESTERN
Lynville
Creek
Buff Creek
Cem
BM 965

This map clearly confirms that 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County still owned at the time of his death the land originally purchased in 1762 and, therefore, was the son of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County.

In August 1816 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/254 the court listed tax delinquents from the tax rolls, including Joseph Wright for the following:

> "1785 Joseph Wright 150 & 557 not found on land roll since 1789 1786.78.89 Joseph Wright 150 & 557"

These are the same listings as those on the lists which were of uncertain identification and indicate that they were either erroneous entries of mistaken entries for 1815 Joseph Wright.

The second Division and Allotment of 1815 Joseph Wright's estate was dated August 22, 1816, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/262 on August 27, 1816:

> "Lot No 1 Containing 14 acres Begining at a red oak stump on Stanton River off South 53 East 66 poles to a Hicory South 15 East 60 poles to a pine off Dividing Line North 44 West 128 poles to a white oak on the said river thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining
>
> Lot No 2 Containing 28 acres Begining at a white oak on the River off South 44 East 128 poles to a pine South 27 West 50 poles to a Hicory off Dividing Line North 44 West 128 poles to the Said River thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining
>
> Lot No 3 Containing 28 acres Begining on the River South 44 East 128 poles a Hickry on the old line near a Branch thence up the same as it meanders 80 poles to a poplar off north 38 West 115 poles to a white oak in the old line north 15 East 12 poles to a Mehogany on the river thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining
>
> Lot No 4 Containing 25 acres Begining at a poplar on a Branch off North 38 West 115 poles to a white oak on the old line South 15 West 58 poles to a white South 28 West 36 poles to the said branch thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining
>
> Lot No 5 Containing 24 acres Begining at a poplar on a Branch off South 5 East 70 poles to a Chesnut oak North 76 East 30 poles to a pine North 27 East 80 poles to the Said Branch thence up the same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No 6 Containing 15 acres Begining at a poplar on a Branch off South 5 East 70 poles to a Chesnut oak South 76 West 64 poles to a Dogwood North 5 East 100 poles to a Dogwood on the said Branch thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No 7 Containg 24 acres Begining at a Dogwood on the Branch off South 5 West 100 poles to a Dogwood South 76 West 10 poles to a poplar South 80 West 40 poles to a Chesnut oak North 12 West 80 poles to a white oak on the Said Branch thence Down the same as it meanders to the Begining

Lot No 8 Containing 15 acres Begining at a Chesnut oak South 80 West 60 poles to a Chesnut stump North 28 West 100 poles near a Branch thence Down the same to a white oak South 12 East 80 poles to the Begining

22d August 1816

We commissioners appointed by the worshipfull Court of Bedford County to divide the land of Joseph Wright Decd have done the same and the names of those who drew the lots is in the body of their plats - Lot No 3 drawn by Judith McCormick is to pay fifteen Dollars to Lot No 2 drawn by Bershaba Simmons

Joseph Wright who by the Will of his Father was entitled to a share in this land did before us relinquish all right and title to the same and says on account of a compromise which has taken place betwixt him and the Legatees of Joseph Wright Decd Therefore no land was alloted for him Given under our hands Date as above

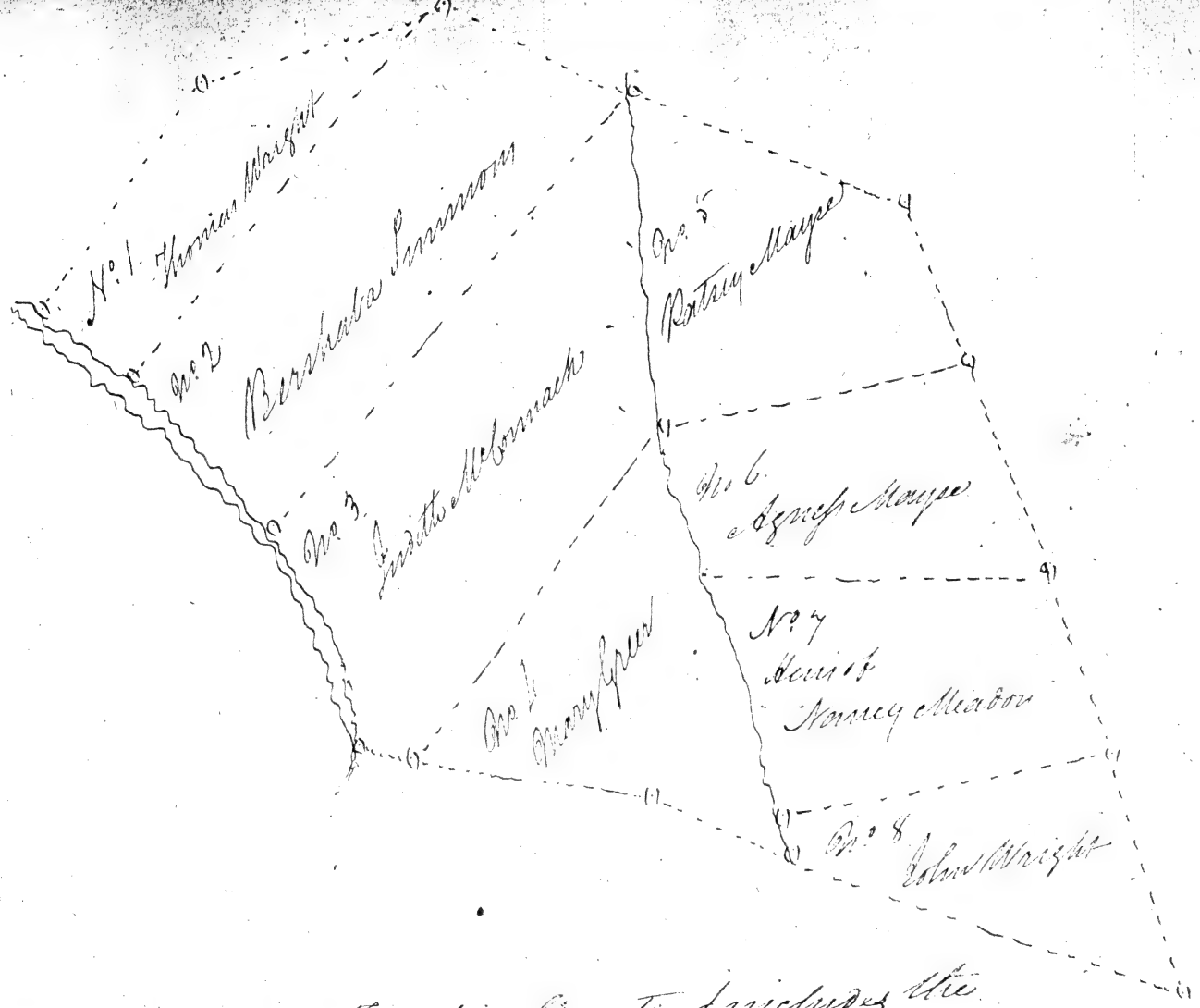
Lawrence McGeorge
Leroy Jordan
Tommey Wright

At a court held for Bedford County at the court house the 27th Augt 1816

This division & allotment of the Lands of Joseph Wright Decd was delivered to court & ordered to be recorded

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

A map of that Division and Allotment appears on the following page.



The above Land in Franklin County & includes the land called Bally old place —

Lott No. 1. containing 14 acres Beginning at a red oak Stump on Staunton river off South 53 East 66 poles to a hickory South 15 East 60 poles to a pine off dividing line North 44 West 128 poles to a white oak on the said river thence down the same as it meanders to the begining — Lott No. 2 contain- ... South 44 East 128

On August 27, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/258 the commmissioners who divided the land of Joseph Wright in Franklin County were awarded $60 each:

> "A further list of the allotment of the Lands of Joseph Wright Dec amognst his Representatives lying in the county of Franklin - & ORd and Lawrence McGeorge Leroy Jourdan & Tommy Wright are allowed one day each @ 12/ pr day for this division and the same Comrs allowed 5 days each at 12/ pr day for the former division to be paid by the parteys"

On December 23, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/288 a return of sales of the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright that were made in October, November, and December 1815 was recorded:

> "A Return of the Sales of the personal Estate of Joseph Wright Dec October November & December 1815 all payable christmas 1816

William McCormack at:	Negro man Sam	$705.26
Ditto & Do	negro girl Onie $419.75 1 comb 13 cts 1 blanket 1.46	421.34
Ditto & do	1 butter pot $1.26 1 Ing $1.36 1 Water pail 18 cts 2 Meal ____ 55 Hhd 9 cents 1 Hhd 28 cents 10 bus Rye $5.30 1 Tub 20 cents	9.22
Thomas Wright	& all Negro $400.75 1 pr money scales & weights 50-	401.25
Ditto & others	1 mare $99.75 Fodder 60 cents 2 Hd 50 cents 2 Hd 182 cts Shucks 75 cents 137/10" bls shuck corn $13.732 1 calf 208 cents 1 calf 193 cents 1 Do 153 cents 1 cash 150 cents 1 barrell 7 cents Flax Seed 112-1/2 cents	125.37
Joseph Wright & others -	Negroe Lucey	600.00
Ditto & Do	1 cyder cart & ___ Keg 57 cents 1 cotton wheel 50 cents 1 Lot pewter 350 1 lot pewter 350 1 lot pewter 360 1 half bus measure 40 cents 4 chairs 100 5 pewter plates 202 2 tin cups 12-1/2 cents	
for Yeats	1 blade stack 165 2 chars 14 1 pewter dish 25 1 Jug 11	19.56½

Rite Wright & all - Negro Suck		206.65
Ditto & Do	1 lock chain $2.25 1 saddle 3.50	5.75
Ditto & all	1 Tub 20 cents 3 Hd 127-1/2 ct 1 Xcut saw $8: 1 pr firedogs 130 1 Tea kittle 225 1 baron 351, 1 keg 50 cts 2 gimblets & 1 bell 25, 4 chairs $1 5 small trifles 7 cents 1 pr harness 4 cts 1 Duck 2/ 1 pot rack 112-1/2 1 tar buckett 18-1/2 2 Hd 146 1 Scythe & cradle 25 1 blade stack 35-1/2 1 Jug 6 cents	23.92
Anderson McCormick & others - 1 case knives & forks 54 shovel tongs & poker 160 2 hilling hoes 151 1 pr gear 255 1 adze 110		7.30
Martin Wright & others 1 flax wheel $250 1 Bed & furniture $3300		35.50
David Crenshaw & others 20 bus wheat		15.00
Fleming Thomason & others - 2 hogs		8.28
Josiah Harrison & others - 7 hogs - $14. 1 calf 2.50 1 cow 6.72 1 cow & heifer 18.75 1 lot hogs 16.75 sundry old Iron 1.01		59.73
Richard Freeman & others - 1 bee stand 182 2 hogs 16.33		18.17
Joseph Wysong & others - 40 bus. Rye		22.50
Threseveller Miner & others - 1 Large bulb		17.00
Elias Yeats & others - 2 ploughs 75 1 cow 16.75 1 side Leather 125		18.75
Jasper Franklin & others - 3 hogs		20.34
Mary Payne & others - 1 cow		13.00
Benjamin Spradling & others - 2 sides Leather 4.50 10 bus rye 5.84		10.34
Do Do 1 barrel		.34
Joel Earley & others - 11-3/4 Wool		6.70
Do Do	1 cow $15 1 bull 11.25 1 side leather 150 1 side leather 258 1 side Leather 318	33.51
Charles Hopkins & others - 1 Cow		12.62

Lewis Morgan & others - 1 lot crockery ware 32 1 candlestick 21 1 pewter dish 306 1 lot ___ 1 lot old Iron 75 Sundry small articles 107	7.56
William Thornbull & others - 1 cow	12.00
William Hopkins 80 bus Wheat	73.33
Henry Williamson & others 2 heifers	13.25
Jesse Starkey & others - 1 Steer	15.50
John Hopkins & others 1 bed furniture	37.40
John Hurt & others - 8-1/2 bus rye 507 1 side leather 251	7.58
John Jeter 5 bls corn 12.80 1 wine glass 25 a parcel salt 192 1 pail & Tub 25 1 curry comb 12 1 pole ax 125	16.59
Joseph Greer & others - Negro Peter	713.00
Millnor Haynes & others 20 bus. rye	12.22
William Hix & others - 1 blade Stack 150 1 Watch 12.52	16.02
Thomas Alexander & others 1 cow & bell 17.01 6 bls corn 16.26 1 flax wheel 36 cts 7 bus damaged corn 45	.87
George Saunders & others 1 cupboard	13.00
Samuel Quarles 355 feet plank 183 3-1/2 bls corn 8.96	10.79
Francis Board & others - 20 bls corn	51.60
2 blankets	3.15
Francis Haynes & others 6 hogs	51.82
Winfield Jones & others - 1 Side Leather 150 1 Side Leather 2.30 2 Hatchets 1.75	5.55
Pleasant Blankenship & others - 1 hog	10.08
Edward Conaway & others - 1 cow 12.75 - 1 heifer 4.25 1 Steer 10-	27.00

Ditto & Do - 1 Steer 20 1 heifer 8.50 28.50

William Brown & others - 1 bay horse 70.25

John Yeats & others - 1 Lot Pewter 3.75 2 pewter ____ 2½ 6.21

Henry Dillion & others - 10 bus oats 370 - 10 bls corn 25.40 29.10

Walker Brown & others - 10 bls corn 27.20

Sparril Hail & others - 1 halter chain 95 1 book 24 1 lot books
1 set spools 51 1 pr Geer 20 1 pr Geer 176 2 collars 24 2 shear ____ 6.91

Leroy Meador & others - 1 pot 3.04 2 irons 259 5.63

Eli Ferguson & others - 1 blind horse 10.00
1 cow .30

Archibald Bradley & others - 1 cow 13.30

Jubal Jourdan & others 1 bed & furniture 15.40

Bartlett Cheafers & others - 2 Hogs 11.32 1 Deer Skin 1.26 1 piggin 25.
1 oven 158. 1 pot 1$ 1 pail 25 coffee mill 27 15.93

Thomas Stewart & others 1 cotton wheel 8. bed & furniture 11.13
1 tea pot & some small articles 17 2 Saucers 5 1 frying pan .69 12.12

Littleberry Wright & others - 1 Stud horse $100 3 chairs 1.00
1 pot & hooks 175 102.76

Matthew Wright 1 Lot old Iron 88½ Sundry 112½ 1 pr saddle bags & sundreys 149 1 pr cards 85 1 Stack tops & shucks 300 2 calves 402 2 shocks hemp 55 1 waggon 38.50 29½ bus oats 10.51½ 2 grain Tubs 48 1 Trunk 131 1 keg 3½ 1 lanthorn 51-1 plough mold 118 1 barrel 9d 1 pewter pint 60 5 plerals(?) 12½ 1 pewter dish 225 1 meal sifter 26 a few shingles 4. 2 horse collars 13½ 1 cyder cash 40 1 pr fire dogs 5½ 1 stack tops 26 67.88

James Mayse 2 lots swingle trees 164 1 pr steel yards 200 1 beestand 50 a parcel of Flax 512 1 cyder cash 115 30 bus oats 10.80 a parcel straw 3. 1 blind mare 14.40 1 buster pot 158 1 churn 76 1 looking glass 113

	womans saddle 50. 1 Jug 15½ 2 books 39 3 bottles 29 1 coffee pot 6½ 1 baker 6 1 flax break 16½ 2 hd 83½ 1 barrel 4. 1 pr Gear 51 1 Cyder cask 25½ 3½ yds cloth 180 a parcel thread 253 2 flat Irons 136½ 6 barrels corn 15.24 1 cyder mill 26 1 pr harness 2d	65.05
Cash	3 ploughs 83 1 lot hoes 126 2 mattox &c 266 3 bells 148 Sundry tools 158 1 hardsaw(?) 212½ 3 colters 156 2 grindstones 125 1 cowhide 225 2 sides leather 297 1 Waggo body 131 1 feed trough 50 1 scythe & cradle 2/ a parcel flax 112½ 10 bus oats 350 1 table 350 1 Gun barrel 14	27.99
Littleberry Wright 1 bag		.53
Cash 1 Do		.76
Tommy Wright 1 ax		1.66
John Yeats 1 flax wheel & 1 Rasp		3.01½
		$4573.63½

Matthew Wright)
James Mayse) acting Exors

At a Court held for Bedford county at the courthouse the 23d day of December 1816. This List of sales of the Estate of Joseph Wright Dec was returned to court & ordered to be recorded

Teste,
J Steptoe C.B.C"

On June 17, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 5/87 the accounting of Matthew Wright and James Mayse, the executors of the will of 1815 Joseph Wright, was recorded and showed a balance due to the beneficiaries of $9,302.70, a very large estate for the time:

"In account with Matthew Wright & James Mays Executors

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1816	To Cash paid for Sundry Clerks Tickets	No 1	$21.89
	To Ditto paid Comr for dividing Land	No 2	36.00
	To Ditto paid the Surveyor	" 3	4.00
	To Ditto paid Sundry Sheriff Tickets	" 4	39.27

	To Ditto paid Sundry Wit attendances	" 5	6.36
	To Ditto paid Berry Wright	" 6	9.87
	To Ditto paid Isaac Butler	" 7	.87
	To Ditto paid William Hix	" 8	5.34
			$123.60

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1817		
Septr 17	By Cash on hand	$16.12
Decr 28	By ditto of Christopher Bewley	115.00
1816		
Mar 1	By ditto of William Dickinson	151.84
3	By ditto of Richard McCommock	201.00
25	By Ditto of William Hopkin	50.00
30	By Ditto of Richard McCormick	11.06
July 1	By ditto of Jennings Brown	2.00
Aug 10	By ditto of Eli Ferguson	21.87
26	By ditto of Peter Dent	137.60
Oct 25	By ditto of Hezekiah Meadow	12.00
Decr 9	By ditto of Joseph Wright	68.17
	By ditto of Wright Wright	90.00
10	By ditto of Jubal Jourdan	15.41
23	By ditto of John McComocks	2.50
24	By ditto of Littleberry Wright	102.75
1817 25	By ditto of Anderson McCormick	7.30
Jany 26	By ditto of James Payne	2.00
Feby 5	By ditto of Hezekiah Meadow	13.01
17	By ditto of Francis Board	51.60
March 6	By ditto of William Thornhill	10.32
Apr 11	By ditto of William Hix	14.02
	By ditto of William Hopkins	131.98
16	By ditto of Henry Williamson	13.25
17	By Ditto of Joel Parley	40.25
May 24	By Ditto of John Hurt	8.4
May 26	By Ditto of Thresivalus Minor	17.00
	By Ditto of Thomas Rucker	5.55
June 1	By Ditto of Walker Brown	27.20
3	By Ditto of Joshua Noble	160.66
4	By Ditto of Thomas Alexander	33.27
10	By Ditto of William McCormock	102.00
July 20	By Ditto of Samuel Quarles	10.79
29	By Ditto of Wingfield James in full Int & Cost	123.94
Oct 26	By Ditto of Abraham Showalter	16.65

	By Ditto of Thomas Alexander		.81
			1787.34
	Dr		
1815	To amount Brought from J Mays Transactions		$123.60
	To Cash paid for 4 Gal Brandy & 15 Gals Whiskey for 11 days Sale		13.46
	To Cash paid for Sundry Clerks Tickets	No 9	24.94
	To Ditto paid for Sundry Sheriff Tickets	10	34.02
	To Ditto paid for Sundry att Fees	11	54.50
	To Ditto paid Cryers & Clerks at the Sale	12	11.75
	To Ditto paid Surveyor	13	20.00
	To Ditto paid Chain Carryers & Boarding	14	20.69
	To Ditto paid John Dehart	15	10.98
	To Ditto paid the guardians of Meadors heirs	16	81.25
	To Ditto paid Tho Stewart for making a Coffin	17	4.92
	To Ditto paid the appraisers for their Services	18	2.00
	To 60_ Beef for the Negroes		2.50
	To Cash paid John Pate for writing a deed to Convey Land to Peter Dent which was Sold by the Decedent in his life time		1.00
	To ditto paid William Payne for Carrying the Chain 1 day		.50
	To ditto paid Tommy Wright Com fee 1 day		.75
	To paid Wright Wright for a Cow belonging to him which was sold at the sale and was not in the inventory		12.75
	To a Counterfeit dollar amongst the Specia left by the decedant		1.00
			420.07
	Cr		
	By amount Brought from J Mays Transactions		1787.34
	By Cash of Robt Brown		15.50
	By Ditto of John Jeter		9.00
	By Ditto of David Wright		39.08
	By Ditto of Jennings Brown		4.00
	By Ditto of Abner Spradling		17.22
	By Ditto of Richard McCammock in full		28.00
	By Ditto of John Deheart		91.00
	By Ditto of Abram Taylor		16.87
	By Ditto of John Milran		9.00
	By Ditto of Hezekiah Meadow		15.00
	By Ditto of James Stewart		8.16
	By Ditto of Dehart & Scott		15.00
	By Ditto of Hezekiah Meadow		11.17
	By Ditto on hand		181.24
	By Ditto of James B Scott		25.00

By Ditto of John Dehart	82.00
By Cash of William McCommock	133.33
By Ditto of John Dehart	100.00
By James B Scott	70.00
By Ditto of E Dowdy	17.92
By Ditto of Lenay Minor	21.76
By Ditto of Joseph Wright	340.00
By Ditto of Thomas Wright	101.00
By Ditto of Samuel Mays	42.62
By Ditto of Dehart & Scott	70.00
By Ditto of John Dehart	43.29
By Ditto of James B Scott	33.71
By Ditto of Lewis Morgan	3.00
By Ditto of James B Scott	29.12
By Ditto of William Brown	3.69
By Ditto of Thomas Wright	439.37
By Ditto of William Hopkins	45.00
By Ditto of Anderson McCommack	6.50
By Ditto of John Jeter	18.15
By Ditto of David Crenshaw	15.00
By Ditto of Millmon Haynes	12.22
By Ditto of Benjamin Spradling	10.68
By Ditto of Lewis Morgan	5.69
By Ditto of Joshua Noble for Chivens	15.93
By Ditto of Joseph Wright	19.56
By Ditto of John Yetes	6.27
By Ditto of George Saunders	13.00
By Ditto of Jariah Harrison	59.73
By Ditto of Jesse Starkley	15.50
By ditto of William Dollard	29.10
By ditto of Elias Yetes	18.75
By ditto of Joseph Wysong	22.50
By ditto of John Hopkins	37.40
By Ditto of Charles Hopkins	12.62
By ditto of William McCommack of Wright	9.22
By ditto of Archibald Bradley	13.30
By ditto of Richard Freeman	18.17
By ditto of Mary Payne	13.00
By ditto of Martin Wright	35.50
By ditto of Tommy Wright	1.60
By ditto of Jasper Franklin	20.34
By ditto of Eli Furguson	10.30
By ditto of Henry Dillion	14.50
By ditto of William Brown	70.25

By ditto of Flemming Thomason	8.28
By ditto of William Thornhill	1.68
By ditto of Pleasant Blankenship	10.08
By Ditto of Thomas Wright at 5 payments	428.87
By ditto ditto	125.37
By ditto of Sparrel Hale	7.00
By Cash of Leroy Meador	$5.70
By ditto of Edward Canaday	76.94
By Ditto of Francis Board	3.15
By Ditto Recd for Sundries at the Sale	27.99
By Ditto for one a/c	.76
	$5068.89

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To Amount Brought from No 2	420.07
To Extra Services 16 days	16.00
To James Mays for a Collar & haulter Chain	1.66
To 9 Yards Thread & Cotton Cloth	4.50
To the Executors Commission on $10366.94 at 6 pr Cent	622.01
	1064.24

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By Amount Brought from No 2	5068.89
By Joseph Wright Bond payable X Mas 1816	600.00
By do Bond payable 21st Feby 1815 £138.10.8 = $441.78 Cr Oct 1817 $340	121.78
By Wright Wright Bond payable X Mas 1816	206.65
do do	5.75
do do	23.09
do 21st Feby 1815 £59.16	199.33
James Mays for John Wright	
Bond 13 Aug 1813 £120	400.00
do 26 Mar 1815 £10.3.3	33.87
" Acct X Mas 1816	65.05
By Matthew Wright acco payable X Mas 1816	67.88
Bond 26th Decr 1814	500.00
By Thomas Wright Bond payable 25th Decr 1814 £154.4	514.00
By William McCommock Bond payable X Mas 1816 $705.26 Cr 10th June 1817 $102	603.26
do acco £81.5.8 21st Feby 1815 $270.94 £40 for Stud horse Feby 1818 $133.33	137.61
do Bond in Suit X Mas 1816	421.34
By Cash of Wm McComack on acco of Sally Amas	4.50
By Interest p Statement No 17	1383.83
By Wright Wright for 5 Bush Wheat	3.33

By Joseph Wright for 9¼ Bush Corn & 2 Bush Oats	5.28
By 1 Bill	1.00
By James Mays for Iron & sold Shovell	.50
	10366.94
	1064.24
To Balance 17th June due the Legatees	$9302.70

17th June 1819 In obedience to an order of Bedford County Court we have Settled the account current of Joseph Wright decd Estate with the executors and find the above balance of nine thousand three hundred and two Dollars and Seventy Cents due to said Estate. Given under our hands date as above.

L McGeorge	3 days	Laurence McGeorge
T Wright	2 do	Tommy Wright
J Pate	2 do	John Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of June 1819 This Settlement of the account Current of the estate of Joseph Wright decd with the exors was returned to Court & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe CBC"

Some time after the sale of the property of the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright, William McCormack filed suit against Matthew Wright and James Mays, the executors of the will of 1815 Joseph Wright regarding an amount due to him. The records of this suit are in File 812 of the Lynchburg Superior Court of Law and Chancery.

The oldest document in File 812 was the bond of William McCormack, Rite Wright, and Solomon Wright dated December 6, 1815, promising to pay to Matthew Wright and James Mays, executors of the estate of Joseph Wright, the sum of $705.26.

The next document in File 812 was dated October 14, 1820, and was a summary of the case in the files of the Bedford County Court, prepared for review by the Superior Court of Law and Chancery at Lynchburg. The review provided as follows:

"Virginia to wit

At a Superior Court of Chancery holden in the town of Lynchburg the Fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

Before the Honorable Creed Taylor Judge of the said Court

William McCormack, Plaintiff
Against
Matthew Wright and James Mays Executors of Joseph Wright deceased, Defendant

Among the records and proceedings of the said Court are the following in the suit of the above mentioned, To the Honorable Creed Taylor Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the district of Lynchburg Humbly complaining sheweth to your honor your Orator William McCormack That Joseph Wright late of the County of Bedford deceased by his last will and Testament duly proved and recorded in the County Court of the said County did among other things direct that his personal estate should be sold by his Executors, and the proceeds therefrom arising be equally divided among his eleven children, of whom Judith the wife of your Orator is one and appointed Matthew Wright and James Mays, hereinafter called Defendants his Executors who qualified according to Law and took upon themselves the burthen and Execution of the said will. That at the sale of the said estate in the month of December 1815 in pursuance of the said will your Orator became the purchaser of two slaves for the sum of $1125 1/100 for which he gave two bonds to wit, one for $705 26/100 and the other for $419 75/100 payable in twelve months according to the conditions of sale. That at the time of the sale it was distinctly understood by your Orator and the other legatees who were present and agreed to by the said Executors, that their distributable shares of the said Estate should be set off against their respective purchases. Your Orator further sheweth that the said testator was remarkably free from debt at the time of his death and he verily believes he did not owe £10 and probably not ten shillings in the world and that the distributable share of the said estate due to your Orator in right of his wife as aforesaid from the amount of sales and debts collected would amount to $950 according to admissions by the said Executors as your Orator has been credibly informed. That your Orator governing himself by this information believed himself indebted to the said Estate after being credited with his proportion of the same and charged with the amount of his aforesaid purchase and he accordingly paid to James Mays one of the said Executors one hundred and two dollars which he at that time believed would be about the balance due to the said Executors which also appeared to be the opinion of the said Mays as is manifest by the receipt of the said Mays which is herewith exhibited and prayed to be taken as part of this Bill. But now so it is that the said defendants without having made any settlement of their account current with the Estate and not withstanding the agreement aforesaid have instituted a suit against your Orator in the Superior Court of Law for the County of Franklin on his aforesaid Bond for $419 75/100 on which they have obtained a Judgment and have sued out an execution with which they are now harrassing your Orator. All which is contrary to equity and greatly injurious to him. In tender consideration whereof and for as much as your Orator is remediless except in

this honorable Court to the end therefore that the said Matthew Wright and James Mays Executors as aforesaid may upon Oath answer the premises as fully as if they were thereto particularly interagated. that they may account with your Orator for his distributable share of the Estate of the said Joseph Wright that in the mean time they be injoined from proceeding on the said Judgment & your Orator first mentioned bond for $705 26/100 and that your Orator may have such other and further relief as may be consistent with equity and his case may require may it please your honor to grant your Orator the Commonwealths writ of subpoena to the said defendants directed etc

Corporation of Lynchburg

Tucker for the complt

William McCormack personally appeared before me William McCormack a magistrate of the said corporation and being duly sworn he deposeth that the matters contained in the above answer so far as the same are within his own knowledge and so far as they are derived from the information of others he believes them to be true Given under my hand this 6th day of Nov. 1818

William Burd Aldn

Upon the back of which bill is the following endorsement made by the Judge of said Court

Lynchburg 9th Novr. 1818

The Injunction is awarded upon the usual conditions

Creed Taylor

And at Rules holden in the clerks office in the said Superior Court of Chancery in the month of October 1819 The Defendants appeared by counsel and put in their answer to the foregoing Bill of the Plaintiff in these words. To the honorable Creed Taylor Chancellor of Virginia for the Lynchburg district the Joint answer of Matthew Wright and James Mays Executors of Joseph Wright decd. to a Bill of Injunction exhibited against them in this honorable Court by William McCormack These Defendants now and at all times saving and reserving to themselves all benefit of exeception to the many errors misrepresentations etc in the Complainants Bill contained for answer thereto or to so much thereof that they are advised it is material for them to answer answereth and say That at the sale of the personal estate of their Testator they did agree that any purchases made by the legatees should go as so much of their legacies provided the purchases did not exceed their legacies That the complaintant did not purchase as he

states in his Bill two slaves at the sale but only purchased one at the price of $419.75 as and some days thereafter he purchased another of Mr. Solomon Wright for the sum of $705.26 and these Defendants consented to give up said Solomon Wright his Bonds for the same he being the original purchaser at the sale and take said McCormacks bonds for the same That tis true said McCormack paid the Deft Mayse the sum of $102 as he states which is credited on said Complainants Bond of $705.26 and said Mays credited the larger bond in order to reduce the same to a sum that would be certain to cover the legacy of said McCormack in order that if a suit should become necessary against said McCormack but one bond might be sued and thereby the costs of one suit might be saved to him the Complainant That some time after the Complainant had injoined the Judgment so loudly complained of to avoid delays costs trouble etc an agreement was made & entered into signed & sealed by the Complainant and these defendants submitting the whole matter to the final decision of the commissioners appointed by the County Court of Bedford to settle the account current on the estate of their Defts Testator which said agreement is herewith filed and prayed to be taken as part of their answer and upon which is the award and opinion of said Commissioners stated in writing and the said Complainant now totally disregards the said agreement and will not abide by the said award and compels these defendants still to go on in this worshipful Court to procure that Justice to which they are justly entitled after the great delay occasioned by said agreement etc. These defendants also herewith file copys of two separate Orders of the County Court of Bedford appointing Commissioners to settle the account current of these defts as Exors as also full and complete copies of the whole settlements made by said Commissioners showing most clearly the whole accounts both on the debit and credit side and the result That exclusive of the bond on Joseph Greer and others for the sum of $713.00 which had been sued at Law and is depending in this Court on an Injunction and the result of which cannot be yet known the aggregate amount of assets is $9,302.70 which after deducting therefrom the sum of $99.00 agreed by said Commissioners to pay some small outstanding debts such as clerks and Sheriffs tickets attorneys fees etc which they allowed merely because it took an even sum from each legatees part of $9 leaves the sum of $9,203.70 to be divided among the eleven legatees of whom said McCormak is one and in which said account current is included the debts on said McCormack injoined by him in this Court. All which said accounts and reports of said Commissioners as herewith filed are prayed to be taken as parts of this answer and from which it appears that each legatees part is only $836.70 These Defendants also file herewith said Complainant's Bond for the beforementioned $705.26 with the credit of aforesaid endorsed thereon which they also pray may be made a part of this answer From all which there appears and is due these defendants as Exors a considerable ballance by said McCormack after crediting him on the aforesaid Bond of $705.26 and his said Bond of $421.34 in this Court injoined and on an account against him on which there is due now a balance of $137.61 by the full amount of his legacy in the

estate of the said Joseph Wright decd. These defendants now are and always have been willing to credit the said Complainant by his legacy in said Estate whenever the same is clearly ascertained. These defendants further state at the death of their testator Jos. Wright decd. they found amongst said decedants papers an account purporting to be due their said Testator of £87:5:8 against said Complainant McCormack and which they verily believe to be just and that of said account said McCormack has only paid the sum of forty pounds which he voluntarily paid the Defendants still leaving unpaid of said account the sum of $137.61 and which the said Commissioner aforesaid were satisfied by the proof adduced before them was still due and they accordingly allowed the same and these Defendants are charged with the same in their general account above referred to and marked No 3 by said Commissioners These Defendants therefore humbly conceive that taking the debts $705.26 of $421.34 of $137.61 with Interest on the said Sums as stated and settled by said Commissioners in an interest account as made out by them of $193.41 which they also referred & pray may be taken as part of this their answer they conceived that after crediting said Complainant, there will be a considerable ballance due them and they having as they conceive fully answered pray the dissolution of the Complainants Bill and that they may have the benefit of their Judgment at Law and their costs unjustly expended denying all fraud etc

Cook for Defts

Matthew Wright and
James Wright (Mays?)

Bedford County This day Matthew Wright and James Mays Executors of Joseph Wright decd came personally before me Lawrence McGeorge a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that the facts as stated in the within answer as coming within their knowledge are true and are so far as they can concern the actings and doings of others they believe them to be true Given under my hand at the County of aforesaid this the 28th day of September 1819

Lawrence McGeorge J.P.

And thereupon at the same rules the Plaintiff by counsel replied generally to the said answer and commissions were then awarded the parties to examine and take the Depositions of their witnesses.

And at rules holden in the clerks office in the said Superior Court of Chancery in the month of Apriel One thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty on the motion of the Plaintiff by counsel this cause was set for hearing

The following examinations of witnesses were taken and filed in the foregoing cause. The Deposition of George Asbury Senr of lawful age taken at Skeleton

Taylors dwelling house in Franklin County on the 30th day of September 1819 in a suit depending in the high Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg district between William McCormack Plaintiff & James Mayse and Matthew Wright Exors of Joseph Wright decd. Defendants Taken by consent of parties. Question by the Plaintiff Did you ever understand from Joseph Wright what I was to give him for a stud horse. Answer That I was to give him some poor land Question by the Defendant Did you understand that the one paid for the other Answer I believe it did

Given under my hand date above written George Asbury

Franklin County Viz The above deposition was sworn to before us the 30th day of September 1819

Patrick Hicks JP
Saml. Helm JP

The Deposition of Skelton Taylor of lawful age taken at said Taylors house on the 30th day of September 1819 . . . . Question by the Plaintiff What was a certain bay stud horse worth that Joseph Wright raised Answer I thought he was worth $100

The Deposition of Stephen Simmons of lawful age taken at Skelton Taylor's dwelling house in Franklin County on the 30th day of September 1819 . . . . Question by the Plaintiff Did I call you in my house to see myself & Joseph Wright settle our accounts Answer You did and when they settled there was not more than a quarter of a dollars difference in accts and that was settled before I left the house Question by the defendants Was the settlement to a large amount Answer I do not know Question by the Defendant Do you remember the date of the settlement Answer I do not Question by the Plaintiffs Did not the settlement take place since I parted from the stud horse Answer I believe it was . . . .

The deposition of Joshua Nobles of lawful age taken at Skelton Taylors dwelling house in Franklin County on the 30th day of September 1819 . . . . Question by the Plaintiff Did you ever hear Joseph Wright say that he gave me a stud horse for a piece of land Answer I did Question by the Defendant Did you understand from Joseph Wright that the horse paid for the land or not Answer I do not recollect Question by the Plaintiff What is the land worth Answer I could have got ten dollars per acre some time past . . . .

The affidavit of Thomas Wright taken at the house of Capt. John Pates in the County of Bedford this 8th day of May 1820 . . . . deposeth and sayeth I was at Joseph Wrights Wm McCormack was present he requested Wright to take his

sud horse again he refused and said he was not in a circumstance to take care of him. McCormack urged the business and he still refused. McCormack observed to him he would give him what he had made by the horse if he would take him again he said he could not do it for he had injured the horse and broke him to work and McCormack replied he was the better of that. Joseph Wright appeared to wish to give satisfaction to the said McCormack he stated to his children that was present that he had a mind to make a reduction of twenty pounds of the sixty pounds then owing for the said Horse the children told him to use his pleasure he then called on them to take notice that he had taken of twenty pounds of the sixty pounds then due he further stated there was only forty pounds then owing of the stud horse which if not paid in his life it was to be deducted out of McCormacks wifes part of his estate And it was to bear no Interest Question by the Plt Did you consider him to be fit for anything but a work horse Answer Yes I did Question by Plt Are you not interested in the business Ans Yes sir Question by the defendant Was you not called on with the rest of the children as a witness to the reducing of the sixty pounds to forty pounds Answer Yes sir Question by Defendant Did Wm McCormack ever tell you the Exors of Joseph Wright claimed Interest on the forty pounds from his death and did not Wm McCormack call on you to testify that it was to bear no Interest Answer He did so

Thomas Wright

Upon the back of which Deposition of Thomas Wright is the following exception The proceeding Deposition is excepted to on account of the Interest of the Deponant

G. Tucker, Counsel for the

The Affidavit of Tommy Wright taken at the house of Capt. John Pates the County of Bedford this 8th day of May 1820 . . . . deposeth and saith as I was coming from Liberty some time in the year 1817 in Company with Wm McCormack and Matthew Wright they fell in conversation about the money that was oweing Joseph Wrights estate Matthew Wright stated as well as I recollect that there was a balance of forty pounds due the said Estate from the said McCormack in balance of a stud horse Mr. McCormack observed that there should be nothing standing against his wife for he had the money in his pocket to pay off the said debt against him from by Estate Quest by the Defts Did not McCormack direct a receipt to be wrote in ful for the stud horse Answer I understood it was to be wrote in full for the balance of pay for the stud horse Ques by Defendant Was not the recpt. to his satisfaction when wrote Anr. It appeared so to me Ques by Plt Did I not dispute the acct at the time the recpt. was wrote Answer It appeared when the conversation took place he disputed it Ques by Defts Did he not appear to be satisfied with the justness of the claim

before the money was paid Answer I thought so be before he paid the money Question by Plt Did you hear me say that I was satisfied Answer I did not Question by Deft Did you ever hear Joseph Wright say there was a balance of forty pounds due him for the said horse Answer I did but it was not to bear Interest during his life

Tommy Wright

The affidavit of John Pate of lawful age taken at the house of Lewis Lancaster in the County of Bedford on Saturday the 30th of September 1820 . . . . saith that in the year 1815 in the month of February he was called upon by the late Joseph Wrght who was then in a low state of health to write his will and to state the accounts of several of his children with him for dealings and for advances made to them for which they were to account on a division of his Estate after his death as this affiant was informed This affiant performed the writing required and stated the accts of his children he believes four or five or perhaps more amongst these accounts was one against Wm McCormack who intermarried with a daughter of the said Joseph Wright in which the said Joseph Wright charged the said William McCormack with £40 the balance of a stud horse sold to him This affiant was informed by the said Joseph Wright that he had received from said William McCormack in part payment for said stud horse a small tract of land and that the balance of £40 was by an agreement to stand as an advance of so much of his Estate to the said William McCormack, and that by agreement of the parties the said £40 was to bear no Interest during the life of him the said Joseph Wright, and that this affiant recollects stating that Item in the account to that effect by the instruction of the sd Joseph Wright at what time this transaction respecting the stud horse took place this affiant is unable to say but thinks he understood from the said Joseph Wright at the time of making the statement above mentioned that it had taken place many years before the said account contained various other Items chiefly money lent at different times and some grain and barr Iron the first Item for money lent he believes was in 1806 and the last in 1812 and all the Items in said account except the £40 aforesaid the said Joseph Wright charged Interest and this affiant at his request calculated the Interest on the different Items from their respective dates up to February 1815 and stated the same in said acct the amount of said account at that time including the said £40 and the Interest on money lent and other articles this affiant believes was a little upwards of £87:0:0 Question by the Deft Matthew Wright What is the distance from Lewis Lancasters to the house of Wm McCormack the Plt and what distance from said Lancasters to the place where the said Plt was raised Answer I think the Plt Wm McCormack lives about twelve or fifteen miles from Lewis Lancasters and the place where he was raised I think does not exceed two miles from said Lancasters . . . .

Upon the back of the foregoing deposition of John Pate is the following objection. The within affidavit is objected to because it contains nothing but the declarations of the defendants testator

G. Tucker for the Plt

The affidavit of Rite Wright of lawful age taken at the house of Lewis Lancaster in the County of Bedford on Saturday the 30th day of September 1820 . . . . saith in the year 1797 he believes the month of October Joseph Wright sold to William McCormack a stud horse for the sum of £120 of that sum sixty pounds was paid in a tract of land on Beaver dam called the forked bottom which is now owned by Joshua Nobles, the remaining sixty pounds was not to be paid during the life time of the said Joseph Wright nor was it to bear any Interest but was to be settled after his death out of his the said Wm McCormacks share of the said Joseph Wrights estate . . . .

Upon the back of which Deposition of Rite Wright is the following exception The within Deposition is excepted to on account of the Interest of the Deponant

G Tucker
counsel for the Plt"

Also included in the summary of the case was a copy of the accounting for the estate of Joseph Wright dated June 17, 1819, and referred to in the answer of the defendant executors. Also included was a copy of the agreement referred to in the answer and which provided as follows:

"Memorandum of an agreement made this 7th day of May 1819 between Matthew Wright and James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright decd. of Bedford County of the one part and William McCormack of Franklin County of the other part witness That whereas the said McCormack having filed a Bill of Injunction in the Court of Chancery in Lynchburg against the said Matthew Wright and James Mays as Executors of the said Joseph Wright decd. now he the said McCormack doth agree under the penalty of One thousand dollars to withdraw the suit from Court and lay the whole case before the Commissioners who may be appointed to settle the account current between the said Executors and the legatees of the estate of the said Joseph Wright decd. each party being allowed all the benefit of evidence in the same manner as in Court of Justice and the

decision of the said referees shall be conclusive and binding upon the said parties Given under our hand and seal the day & date above written

Test
John S. Hurt
Chs Whitely

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William O McCormack
mark
Matthew Wright
James Mays

We the subscribers having examined the accts in dispute between the parties within mentioned and having heard the testimonny adduced by each in consideration whereof we are of opinion that the statement in the account current between the Executors and the Estate within mentioned as pr our report of this day Exhibit a true state of all matters in dispute between the parties Given under our hands the 17th day of June 1819

Lawrence McGeorge
John Pate
Tommy Wright"

The summary of the case in File 812 continued with the following order:

"Bedford November Court 1815

Samuel Mayse and Agnes his wife Martin Greer and Mary his wife Joel Simmons and Barshaba his wife Thomas Wright John Wright Joseph Wright Wright Wright William McCormack & Judith his wife Plt
against
Matthew Wright and James Mays & Patsy his wife & the said James as Exor with the said Matthew of Joseph Wright decd James Meador Jubal Meador Joseph Meador Judith Meador & John Meador children and distributees of Nancy Meador decd. Defts.

This day this cause came on to be heard (the court having appointed James Mayse Thomas Wright John Turner and Matthew Wright guardians for the infant Defts) Whereupon the Court doth order and decree that the whole estate both real and personal be divided between the Plaintiffs & Defts according to the last will and Testament of the said Joseph Wright def the children of the said Nancy a daughter of the said decd. who are infants in this cause taking one share in right of their mother - that the Defendants Executors settle their accounts before the Commissioners hereinafter named It is further ordered and decreed that if as is suggested the Commissioners cannot divide the slaves specifically in that event the Executors sell the said slaves to the highest bidder for a credit til Xmas 1816 and report to Court and that George Medley William Miller Thomas Wright

and Lawrence McGeorge or any three of them be Commissioners to carry this decree into effect"

The summary then contained a copy of the bond dated December 6, 1815, by William McCormack, Rite Wright and Solomon Wright mentioned above and the court order enjoining enforcement of the executor's judgment against McCormack.

The next document in File 812 was undated but appears to be the complaint by Matthew Wright and James Mayse asking for relief from the injunction obtained by McCormack against the enforcement of their judgment against him.

On June 28, 1819, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/636 an account for the estate of Joseph Wright was filed with the court and the commissioners allowed fees for their services:

> "Mayse &c v Wright & Chy - The Settlements of the accounts Current of the estate of Joseph Wright decd. with his Executors Retd. & ORd. and Lawrence McGeorge alld. for 3 days services at $3. each & Thos. Wright and John Pate alld. 2 days each at $3. pr day"

On July 28, 1823, the court in File 812 ruled that a judgment would be entered against William McCormack unless he filed his answer within the time allowed.

On about October 3, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent filed a complaint against the heirs of Joseph Wright for conveyance of the parcel of land agreed to be sold to John McCormack in 1813 and sold to Peter Dent by John McCormack on September 6, 1815:

> "To the worshipful court of Bedford County in Chancery Sitting Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships your Orator Peter Dent that a certain Joseph Wright on the 14th Day of August, 1813, by a written agreement herewith Exhibited marked no 1. sold to one John McCormick, certain land in the said agreement described: That the said John McCormick afterwards on the 6th Day of September 1815, assigned the sd agreement by an endorsement on the back thereof to your orator in consideration of the Sum of $50. advance upon his purchase money paid to him by your orator, that your orator complied with the Stipulations, between Joseph Wright and John McCormick and was entitled to a conveyance of the said Land, and to, all the benefit, derived to the said John McCormick by virtue thereof, but the said Joseph Wright departed this life without having conveyed the same to your Orator, that Thomas Wright, John Wright, Joseph Wright Martin Greer & Mary his wife formerly Mary Wright Samuel Mays & Agnes his wife formerly Agnes Wright William McCormick and

Judith his wife formerly Judith Wright, Mathew Wright, Wright Wright James Mays and Patsy his wife formerly Patsy Wright, Joel Simmonds, and Bersheba his wife formerly Bersheba Wright, Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador, Judith Meador, & John Meador children & heirs of Nancy Meador Deceased: and the children, descendants, and heirs of the said Joseph Wright Decd: That the children of the said Nancy Meador are under age and it was supposed that they would convey their Interest in said Land by their guardians and accordingly Thomas Wright Joseph Wright William McCormick & Judith his wife James Mays and Patsy his wife, Thomas Wright as the guardian of Joseph Meador James Mays as the guardian of Jubal Meador, Mathew Wright Rite Wright, Judith McCormick, and Matthew Wright as guardian of Judith Meador, executed and delivrd their Deed for the said Land bearing date on the 31st Day of January 1816, herewith exhibited as a part of this bill marked No 2 that Judith McCormick and Patsy Mays have been privily examined and their Examination regularly certified, according to law, and recorded, that John Wright Martin Greer and Mary his wife Samuel Mays & agnes his wife Joel Simmonds and Bursheba his wife, Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador Judith Meador, & John Meador, have, refused to convey the land to your orator in conformity to the agreement of their ancestor Joseph Wright. Notwithstanding your orator has complied justly with the Stipulations, to be performed by Jno McCormick, has put into quiet possession of the Land the subject of this agreement and has retained it ever since, and these facts are in the knowledge of most if not of all the said parties in tender consideration whereof and in as much as your orator is remediless in the premises except in a court of Equity where alone specific performance of contracts and agreements can be obtained may it please the court to cause to said Thomas Wright John Wright Joseph Wright Martin Greer, & Mary his wife Samuel Mays and Agnes his wife, William McCormick and Judith his Wife Mathew Wright Wright, James Mays, and Patsy his wife Joel Simmonds and Bersheba his wife Jane, Jubal, Joseph, Judith & John Meador Infant children and heirs of Nancy Meador Decd to be made Defendants to this bill, and full true and perfect answer to make to the matters therein alledged; If it should be Deemed necessary to make those who have executed a conveyance for this land parties to this suit otherwise to cause the before named John Wright Martin Greer & Nancy his wife Samuel Mays and Agnes his wife, Joel Simmonds & Bersheba his wife and the before named Infant children and heirs of Nancy Meador, only to be made Defendants to this Bill and to decree to your orator a good and sufficient Title to the Land aforesaid, to be made by the said Defendants and such other and further relief as he may be entitled to, and his case require: and to this end to grant to him the Commonwealths writ of subpena & as in Duty &c

Gilmer, pq"

On October 3, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against the heirs of Joseph Wright to answer the complaint of Peter Dent for conveyance of a parcel of land:

> "The Common Wealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting You are hereby Commanded to summon Thomas Wright Joseph Wright Wm McComack Judith McComack James Mayse and Patsy Mayse Joseph Meador Jubal Meador Matthew Wright Wright Wright Saml Mayse & Angs his Wife Joel Simmonds & Barshaba Simonds his Wife Martin Grear and Mary Grear his Wife to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth Monday in November Next to Answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Peter Dent And this they shall in No Wise omit under the penalty of £100 each and have then there this Writ Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 3rd day of October 1823. In the 48th Year of our Independence
>
> Ja Steptoe"

On October 3, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent filed his affidavit naming certain heirs of Joseph Wright who were no longer residents of Virginia:

> "Bedford county Sct
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> Peter Dent of Lawful age this day appeared personally before me A Otey a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he is informed & verily believes that Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador & Judith Meador: Samuel Mays and Agnes his wife, Martin Greer & Mary his Wife and Joel Simmonds and Barsheba his wife are not inhabitants of the commonwealth of Virginia Given from under my hand at Liberty in sd county the 29th Day of Decr 1823
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> A. Otey JP"

On November 4, 1823, in File 812 William McCormack filed his answer which provided as follows:

> "This defendant reserving to himself all benefit of exception & for answer to so much of the bill of the complainants as he is advised is material, answer & says that he has no objection to the review of the decree heretofore made by this honorable Court in the suit instituted by this defendant against the plaintiffs, as he considers the balance decreed to be paid to the complainants to be more than he justly owes and he begs leave to call the attention of this honorable

Court to the following facts: The money alledged to be due by this defendant to the testator of the complainants on an open account is proved only by the testimony of John Pate who merely states the declarations of the said Testator, which the defendant is advised are no evidence against him, and by the testimony of Thomas Wright & Rite Wright who are distributees of the Estate of Joseph Wright, and consequently interested in establishing the charge against this defendant, while this defendant has proved by competent witnesses that on a general settlement of accounts with the said Joseph Wright in his life time, this defendant [unreadable] absence of all legal testimony to charge him with the said open account, this honorable Court considered this defendant bound by the award made up by the arbitrators, and referred to by the complainants in their answer to the defendants original bill, but this defendant avers that when he agreed to submit the matters in difference to arbitration it was on the condition that Moses Greer Junr. & Skelton Taylor in whose justice & impartiality this defendant well knew he could confide, should be added as referees to the commissioners appointed by the County Court of Bedford for settling the administration account of the complainants, especially as the said Commissioners were relatives & particular friends of the complainants, to which proposal the complaintants assented, tho this defendant admits he might have signed a paper in which the names were not mentioned, he being altogether illiterate, and confiding in their verbal promises, and when afterwards the said complainants refused to let the said Moses Greer Junr & Skelton Taylor act as referees, this defendant did not consider himself bound by any award the other referees should make, and did not summon a single witness before them.

This defendant further answering says that when he bought the Horse in the proceedings mentioned he gave a tract of land in exchange for him and did not consider that he owed any thing further for the said horse, and when he paid the complainants £40 for the said horse, he considered and still considers that the land or the value of it should be returned to this defendant, and if, from his ignorance of law & unlettered condition he should have been mistaken in this, he submits to this honorable Court whether the said £40 ought not to go in part discharge [unreadable].

This defendant further says that he has been informed that a considerable sum of money had been lent by the said Joseph Wright in his lifetime to James Mays, one of the complainants, who lent it to Kyle & Mays, merchants in Lynchburg, for which money he is told no credit is given by the complainants in this administration account, and that the price of one of the slaves of their said testator, sold by the complainants to Joseph Greer has been lost to the Estate by the mismanagement as he is informed of the said complainants, if this defendant is able to establish these facts he trusts he shall be allowed his proportional part

of the said credits as against his bond to the complainants. And this defendant having fully answered prays to be hence dismissed &c

his
Wm. O McCormack
mark"

On December 29, 1823, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent obtained an order for publication against John Wright, the son of Joseph Wright, but with the county of residence left blank because then unknown:

"Dent)
vs) In chancery
Wrights heirs)

Give Mr Dent a Subpena in this case for John Wright with a blank for the county to which it is to go

Take an order of publication as to the Defendant named in the affidavit at the next sales(?) say monday next see the affidavit now returned to the office by Mr Dent for their names

P. R Gilmer
29th Decr 1823"

On about February 7, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers five of the heirs of Joseph Wright filed their answer to Peter Dent agreeing that he was entitled to his land:

"The joint answers of Joseph Wright Wright Wright Thomas Wright William McCormick & Judy his wife & Mary Greer by her agent and attorney in fact Green B. Greer as appears by the records of Franklin County to wit: to a Bill Exhibited against them and others in Bedford County court by Peter Dent these respondents, saving to themselves the benefit of exceptions to the sd Bill for answer say

That Peter Dent is entitled to the Land in the Bill mentioned and ought to have a title for the same that the Respondents Joseph Wright, Thomas Wright & William McCormack & his wife Judy have conveyed their interest in the same to the sd Dent before the suit by sd Dent was instituted and ought therefor to have their costs that the Respondent Mary Greer was willing to have conveyed the same but was out of the country that her husband is dead and she is willing to such

decree as will vest her right & Interest in the same in the sd Peter Dent and having fully answered pray to be dismissed with their costs &c

Thomas Wright Sr
William Mcomak
Joseph Wright
Greer B Greer
Agent as Attey in fact
for Mary Greer
Rite Wright

Franklin County Sct.

Thomas Wright in the annexed answer named appeared personally before me Sparrel Hale justice of the peace for sd County & made oath that the matters therein contained are true as far as they depend upon his own knowledge and that so far as they depend upon knowledge derived from others he believes them to be true

Given under my hand this 7th day day of Feby 1824

Spl Hale"

On May 8, 1824, the deposition of James Wright was taken in File 812 at the storehouse of Capt. Henry Chambliss in Bedford County and provided as follows:

"That he commenced living with Kyles & Mays of Lynchburg 29th of August 1819 & lived with them until the 1st of August 1821 & that I was well acquainted with the Books of that house for that length of time & that I never saw any enteres of any moneys lent to them by James Mays nor heard of any

James Wright"

The deposition of William Drake in File 812 was taken on the same day and place and provided as follows:

"That twenty od years back, that William MCormick traided a tract of land called the forked bottham to his farther in law Joseph Wright Decd for a stud horse, and was to give some boot but do not at this time recollect what, but the sd Wright was not to ask the sd McCormick for the said boot, and if he did not pay it in the

time of the life of sd Wright, that the same was to be taken out of his part of the estate of sd Wright after his death

his
William + Drake
mark"

In August 1824 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent obtained an order that a default judgment would be entered against James Mayse for failing to answer Peter Dent's complaint:

"Bedford Augt rules 1824

Peter Dent Ptf)
agt) In Chy
Thomas Wright & others Def)

The Defendant James Mayse being served with the plaintiffs subpona more than three months previous hereto, and failing to answer the plffs bill - on the motion of the plff. It is ordered that unless the said Deft doth appear here at the next rules and answer the ptffs bill the same as to him shall be taken for confessed & the matter thereof decreed accordingly

A Copy Teste
J Steptoe Clk"

On August 10, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent obtained an order that a default judgment would be entered against some of the heirs of Joseph Wright for failing to answer Peter Dent's complaint:

"Bedford January Rules, 1824.

Peter Dent, complainant,
Against
Thomas Wright, John Wright, Jos. Wright, Martin Grear and Mary his wife, Samul Mayse and Agness his wife, William McCormack and Judith his wife, Matthew Wright, Wright Wright, James Mayse and Patsy his wife Joel Simmonds and Barshaba his wife, Jane, Jubal, Joseph, Judith and John Meador, infant children and heirs of Nancy Meador, dec'd,
defendants,

In Chancery.

The defendants Jane Meador, Jubal Meador, Joseph Meador and Judith Meador; Samuel Mayse and Agness his wife, Martin Grear and Mary his wife, and Joel Simmonds and Barshaba his wife, not having entered their apperance, according to the act of assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that they are not inhabitants of this commonwealth, It is therefore ordered, that they do appear here on the 4th Monday in March next, and answer the complainant's bill, and that a copy of this order be forthwith published in the Virginian for two months successively, and published at the front door of the courthouse of two several court days

A Copy - Teste

Corporation of Lynchburg, to wit:

This day, John B Colin, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the corporation aforesaid, and made oath that the annexed order; Peter Dent, vs. Thomas Wright, and others has been published eight weeks in the Lynchburg Virginia. Given under my hand this 10th day of August, 1824

Albon McDaniel"

On about August 10, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Peter Dent obtained an order directing the conveyance of a fee title in the real property claimed by him:

"Dent against Wright's Heirs

This day this cause came on by consent to be heard upon the Bill answers order of publication & Exhibits and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the plaintiff Peter Dent do hold the lands in the proceedings mentioned, in Free and absolute Fee simple to him and his heirs and assigns for ever Free From the claim of Joseph Wrights heirs and all persons claiming either at Law or in Equity by through or under the said Joseph Wright or his heirs or any of them: And the court doth Farther adjudge order & decree that the Deed from Robert C Mitchell Commissioner &c on behalf of the infant parties be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed and that the same be admitted to record, as the Deed of the said Infant parties, to avail and have effect to every intent & purpose as if the same were executed by the said parties and they were of the full age of 21 years. But the court doth reserve to the said Infant parties and each of them the right to shew any cause they can against the said Deed or this decree at any time within six months after they shall respectively have attained the age of 21 years and that Thomas Wright Joseph

Wright William McCormack Judith McCormack James Mays Patsy Mays Mathew Wright Rite Right recover their costs exclusive of an attorney's fee and that John Wright Mary Greer Jane Meador Jubal Meador Joseph Meador Judith Meador & John Meador pay the costs of this suit to the sd Plaintiff"

On September 2, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a further summons was issued against some of the heirs of Joseph Wright to answer Peter Dent's complaint:

"The Common Wealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County greeting: We Command you that you summon Thomas Wright Joseph Wright William McCormack Judith McCormack James Mayse Patsy Mayse Joseph Meador Jubal Meador Matthew Wright Wright Wright Samuel Mayse & Agness his wife Joel Simmonds & Bersheba his wife Martin Greer & Mary Greer his wife to appear before the Justices of our court of our said County at the courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in November to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them by Peter Dent - And this they shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 - And have then there this Writ Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 2d day of September 1824. In the 49th Year of our Independence

J Steptoe

Ready as to all but John Wright. P.RG: __ Feby 1828."

On October 8, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a further summons was issued against some of the heirs of Joseph Wright to answer Peter Dent's complaint:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Franklin County greeting: We command you to summon Thomas Wright, Joseph Wright, William McCormick & Judith his wife Wright Wright John Meador to appear before our Justices of our court of our County at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in November next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Peter Dent And this they shall in no wise omit under the Penalty of £100 - And have then there this writ. Witness James Steptoe clerk of our said Court the 8th day of october 1824 In the 49th year of our Independence

J Steptoe"

The deposition of Samuel Flowers in File 812 was also taken on October 9, 1824, at Lynchburg and provided as follows:

"That he was in company with William McCormack and in conversation, and the said McCormack told him, that he the said McCormack had traded his father in law Joseph Wright, a tract of land, called the forked bottom, for a stud horse in time past and was to give forty pound in boot, but said that he had paid it

Question by the plaintiffs: How long has it been, since this conversation took place between you and said McCormack

Answer About four years ago.

Question by the Def. did I say what I paid it in

Answer A waggon - and further Saith not

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Saml X Flowers"
mark

The deposition of Francis Board in File 812 was taken on October 19, 1824, at the house of William McCormack and provided as follows:

"That sometime Before peter was sold he went To the plantation of Joseph Wright Deacd. After Corn which I purchased there peter was helping To Load the waggon he Appeared To Be Lame I Asked what was the matter with him James Mays said nothing But he had it ____ master he wished To Go To I was at the sale when peter was Sold he was Cried for A well sound Negro Joseph Greer Became the purchaser & myself one of the Seauretys the Said Greer & myself went of Together peter Appeared to be Lame & The Farther he went the worse he Appeared To Get. The said Greer Let peter Ride his horse & walked himself I saw peter Shortly After he was still Lame Some Short time After this Joseph Greer Came To my house Said peter had Run away he Talked of Selling him Said he understood peter Dent wish To purchase him I Told him I would Go with him To Dents he Then Dealivred & put at me To By peter I Told him I was not prepared To pay for him & That I was Afraid of That Lameness he Insisted on me To Take him & If I Could not make payment he would I put out word I had Bought peter Some few Days After peter Came To me & Remained with me About Three or Four months he was Lame the whole Time Greer Then Took him home Again Some Short time After I heard he was Dead During the time peter was with me his Labour was not worth his Bard & I Believe the Lameness That I First saw peter with was the Cause of his death which peter said was Caused By A hurt in the Joint of hip Toating Bags up the Slope in Hopkins Mile in Joseph Wrights Lifetime

Question by the Defendant Do you believe if Mays had described his situation to the peopel it wold of opperatid much upon the sale

Answer I think that the negro wold of Brought sumthing considable he looked Very well

Question by the plaintiffs What do you think the negro was worth when he was sold

Answer. I do not conceive that the negro was worth any thing in his situation to any person to ____

And further sayeth not

Francis Board"

The deposition of Thomas Wright in File 812 was also taken on October 19, 1824, at William McCormack's house and provided as follows:

"That he was present at the sale of his fathers Estate (the late Joseph Wright Decd.) when a negro man named Peter was sold, and James May's one of the Executors warranted the said negro to be sound & heathly & that he believes it was in consequence of said Mays's Declaration that the said negro was lost to the estate - Question by plffs. Do you know any thing relative to a stud horse sold by Joseph Wright Decd & a Tract of land call'd the forked Bottom, Answer. I was present & heard the late Joseph Wright Decd. say that he had reduced the Balance of the price of the stud horse from £60 to £40 and that said McCommack was to be charged with the Balance due of £40 which said £40 was not to bear Interest but to come out of the legacy of said McCommacks wife in case there should be enough coming to her, she being the Daughter of said Joseph Wright Decd.

Question by Deff. Do you know any thing about the Tract of land aforesaid. Answer. I know nothing about the land only from Information, nothing of my own knowledge

Question by the pltffs. Has William MCommack calld on you to certify that the £40 aforesaid was not to bear Interest

Answer I was called on by him

Question by the plffs. Had not the late Joseph Wright Decd. a Claim against you which was not to bear Interest

Answer he had

Question by the plffs. had you any wright to believe Matthew Wright one of the Executors was any way blamable for the loss of Peter

Answer. I have no cause to blame him that I know of And further saith not

Thomas Wright"

The deposition of Jinings(?) Brown in File 812 was also taken on October 19, 1824, at the house of William McCormack and provided as follows:

"That in the lifetime of Joseph Wright Descd. he heard him say that he traded a stud horse to William MCommack for the land on which Joshua Noble now lives, known by the name of the forked Bottom Tract, the said stud he supposes to be of the value of $150.00 & further saith not.

Jinings(?) Brown"

The deposition of Stephen Simmons in File 812 was also taken on the same day and place and provided as follows:

"That in the lifetime of Joseph Wright Descd. but how long before his death he does not remember he was passing by the house of William McCommack & was invited to come in to hear a settlement then making between said Joseph Wright Decd & said William McCommack and on the conclusion of the settlement it appeared the said Joseph Wright fell in debt to said MCommack about 2/6 said Wright after a little consideration observed to said McCommack that he let said McCommacks wife have a pair of sheers and it was agreed between the parties to be even, this settlement and agreement took place as well as he recollects after the sale of a stud horse by said MCommack to a man of the name of Roberts.

Question by plffs: Did you ever give your Deposition in this cause before.

Answer. I gave my Deposion I believe in this cause before and as far as I can recollect as above stated

Question by plffs. Did you recollect anything more now than you did then.

Answer. I do not & further saith not

Ste. Simmons"

On December 12, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a further summons was issued against some of the heirs of Joseph Wright to answer Peter Dent's complaint:

> "The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting we Command you to summon Thomas Wright Joseph Wright Wm McCormack & Judith his wife Wright Wright & John Meador to appear before the Justices of our said County at the Courthouse thereof on the fourth monday in March next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Peter Dent And this they shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 each And have then there this writ witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said Court the 12 day of Dec 1824. In the 49th year of our Independence
>
> J Steptoe"

On February 14, 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers James Mayes and Patsy Mayes filed their answer to Peter Dent's complaint stating they had sold their interest to Peter Dent:

> "The joint answer of James Mayes and Patsy Mayes his wife to a Bill of complaint exhibited against them and others in the county court of Bedford by Peter Dent
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> These respondants admit that Peter Dent purchased the Land in the Bill mentioned as in his bill is Stated, that he has paid the purchase money therefore and is entitled to a decree for the Title against all the defendants who have not hitherto conveyed.
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> They further state that they have already conveyed their Interest in the said lands before the institution of the suit against them and that they set __ claim or Title to the lands or any part thereof and that they are therefore entitled to their costs in that behalf expended and pray to be hence Dismissed with their costs: &c
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> James Mays &
> Patsey Mays his wife
>
> Bedford County sct.
>
> James Mayes this day personally appeared before me Wm Shrewsbury justice of the peace for said County and made oath that the matters in the annexed bill stated are true so far as they depend upon his own knowledge and that so far as they depend upon upon information derived from others he believes them to be

True & both he & his wife Patsy subscribed the same in my presence Given under my hand this 14 day of Feb 1825

Wm. Shrewsbury"

The deposition of Joseph Greer in File 812 was taken on April 3, 1825, and provided as follows:

"That a negro man named Peter the property of the late Joseph Wright Decd. was sold at publick sale. That the cryer at the time of the sale said, said negro Peter. was a healthy sound negro and as such sold him. That this Deponant became the purchaser at the price of $713.00 that he carried said negro home where he languished for 5 or 6 months & Died, that he said Peter was at the time of the sale very Infirm and continued so til his death

Question by the plf: What do you think Peter was worth when he was sold? Answer: Had I known the state of his health at the time I bought him as well as I now do I would not have received him as a gift for he was an expense to me as long as he lived

Question by the same. Did you ever understand by me but what the said Peter was a sound negro. Answer I always understood by you that he was such & further saith not

Joseph Greer"

The deposition of Thomas Wright, Jr. (Sr.?) in File 812 was taken on April 30, 1825, and provided as follows:

"That sometime last year being in company with plf. James Maze & conversing with him on this business that he was requested by Mr. Maze not to give the Defendant any advice or council in the business of said suit, That he heard the said Maze say at the same time that he had no recollection of saying at the sale of Peter that he said Peter was a healthy sound negro

Question by the plf: Do you consider yourself a Legatee of the late Joseph Wright Decd? Answer. I do

Question by the same. Do you recollect what I bid at the sale for Peter, Answer: I do not Recollect precisely what you bid but know you bid nearly to the amount of what he actually sold for.

Question by the same: Was the negro Peter to the best of your Recollection at the time of the sale a healthy negro Answer. I thought him so & further saith not.

Thomas Wright"

In April 1825, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers John Meador filed his answer to Peter Dent's complaint stating he had no objection to Peter Dent's complaint:

"The separate answer of John Meador by John Turner guardian &c to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in Bedford County court by Peter Dent

This respondant admits the purchase of the Land in the Bill mentioned and the payment of the purchase money and that he is entitled to the same and ought to have a conveyance therefor and that so far as he is concerned he is willing that the same should be decreed accordingly & having answered he prays to be hence Dismissed &c

April Ct 1825 J C Steptoe DC
Approved to in Court

Bedford County sct

John Meador in the annexed answer named appeared personally before me ____ a justice of the peace for sd County and made oath that the matters therein mention so far as they depend upon his own knowledge are true and that so far as they depend upon information from others he believes them to be true given under my hand this __ day of ____ 1825.

Dent)
v) Ansr
Meador)
1825 April
Ans filed"

On May 20, 1825, the case in File 812 came before the court and the court ordered the matter referred to commissioners for settlement:

"This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill, answer, exhibits and examinations of witnesses and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth refer the accounts between the parties to one of the commissioners of the court who is directed to examine state and settle the same

and make report thereof to the court with any matters specially stated thought pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated."

The commissioner returned an accounting after September 19, 1825, and apparently showed a balance due of $540.06 from William McCormack.

The last three documents in File 812 were notes of counsel regarding the report of the commissioner, two of which were undated, arguing the case. The last note was by counsel for plaintiffs Wright and Mays and was dated October 18, 1828, asking the court to overrule the objections of McCormack to the commissioner's report.

The sale of the slave Peter by the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright and the subsequent death of Peter generated a second lawsuit in which Joseph Greer sued James Mays and Matthew Wright to set aside that sale. That suit is in File 361 of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the Lynchburg District. The initial document filed in that matter was the complaint of Joseph Greer dated September 20, 1817, which provided as follows:

"to the Honorable Creed Taylor Chancelor your orator Joseph Greer humbly represents that some time in the fall 1815 your orator purchased at the sale of Joseph Wright deceased of his Executors James Mays & Mathew Wright a certain negro man slave Peter who by them was set up & cryed by their auctioneer Eli Ferguson as a sound & healthy negro slave & bid off to your orator as such at the great Price of seven hundred & thirteen Dollars for which your orator Executed his bond payable twelve months thereafter. that immediately after the sale your orator discovered that the negroe slave Peter was unsound unhealthy and had long labourd under the worst kind of venerial by some called the Pox which was altogether unknown to & concealed from your orator. but with which your orator is informed & believes the Executors were well acquainted & long knew before the said sale. that the negroe Peter was unfit for labour & never did one days labour for your orator. & not with standing every medical aid that could be procured he lingered for six months and died. not with standing all which the Executors aforesaid brought suit on the bond aforesaid against your orator & his security in the Superior Court of Bedford County and at the September term (Instant) recovered Judgement when your orator offered oral evidence of the facts here stated but the bond sued on being under seal was not permitted by the court to go into the consideration, wherefore your orator is remideless at law and only releaveable in Chancery & the conduct of the Executors in this behalf is opprebius contrary to Equity & good conscience & greatly tends to the wrong Enjury & oppression of your orator wherefore he prays that James Mays & Mathew Wright Executors as aforesaid be made Defendants

to this Bill & compelled on oath to answer its alligations as particularly as if again thereto interrogated & the whole truth set forth & discover respecting the primisses & that your Honor will award an Injunction to stay all farther proceedings on said Judgement untill the matters & things herein contained be heard in Equity & you then ceence (?) to your orator what to Equity belongs and your orator as in duty bound will pray

Nutham 20. Sep. 1817:____

J B Risque
Attorney for Comp

The injuction is awarded upon the usual conditions.

Creed Taylor.

Corporation of Lynchburg etc

This day Joseph Greer personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the corporation aforesaid and made oath that the alligations in the forgoing Bill so far as comes within his own knowledge are true & that coming from the information of others he believes to be true given under my hand this 13th day of September 1817

James Stewart

This is to be directed to Joseph at Bedford Court House as J. B. Risque will be absent"

On the back of the complaint in File 361 was the following notation:

"May term 1818
Argued -
considered in vacation -

The law, as to the warranty to goods, is that the vendor is not liable without an express warranty, unless he knew of a defect and concealed it or unless they be different from what they were represented. 2 Tuck. Bl. 450."

The answer of James Mayse and Mathew Wright in File 361 was filed on January 27, 1818, and provided as follows:

"The answer of James Mayse and Matthew Wright Executors of Joseph Wright deceased, to a bill of complaint exhibited against them by Joseph Greer in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District

These defendants saving and reserving to themselves all benefit of exception to the many errors and false allegations in the complainants bill contained, for answer to so much thereof as they are advised it materially concerns them to answer, they answer and say. That they are advised that the matters and things in the said bill contained and set forth, are not sufficient to give this court Jurisdiction of the cause; and they pray that they may be allowed the benefit of this exception in the same manner as if the same had been more formally pleaded: These defendants further answering say, That acting as the Executors of Joseph Wright deceased, they sold at public auction the slave Peter in the bill mentioned, and that the complainant became the purchaser at the price therein stated. but it is not true that they were apprized, or even had a suspicion of any unsoundness in the slave at the time of sale: nor do they in fact believe that he was at that time unsound: They knew but little of him, he had the appearance of perfect health: one of the defendants, James Mayse, bid the sum of seven hundred and ten Dollars for him with an honest and sincere wish of becoming his owner. There were many other bidders for him, all of whom it is believed were as well acquainted with his condition as to health as these Defendants. And they cannot forbear to express their astonishment at the plaintiffs bill in as much as they (although living but a short distance from him) never heard of the charges therein contained until presented with a copy thereof. These defendants very much regret the death of the slave, but it is a loss which they humbly conceive the complainant must bear. They think he can have no right to cast upon them, in as much as they acted with perfect good faith in the sale. They yet believe the slave to have been perfectly sound at that time. if he was otherwise, it was neither known nor suspected by them - having the answered the complainant's bill so far as they are advised it materially concerns them to answer the same. They pray to be hence dismissed with the benefit of their Judgement at law and their costs (thus expended) in defending this injunction & will have

Beford County to wit

This Day James Mays one of the above named defendants came before me and made oath that the foregoing answer sofar as the same relates to himself contains the truth, and so far as the same relates to others he believes it to be true given under my hand the 27th day of January 1818

Lawrence MGeorge a
Justice of the Peace for
Bedford County

Bedford County to wit

This day Matthew Wright one of the within named Defendants came before me and made oath that the foregoing answer so far as the same relates to himself

contains the truth and so far as the same relates to others he believes it to be true given under my hand the 27th day of January 1818

Lawrence MGeorge a
Justice of the Peace for
Bedford County"

On the back of the answer in File 361 was the court notation that provided as follows:

"On the motion of the defendants, by counsel, to dissolve the injo. awarded the plff, on the twentieth day of September one thousand and eight and eight hundred and seventeen, the court, upon reading the bill, the answers of the defendants, the examinations of witnesses, and on hearing counsel in opposition to the motion, doth order that, an issue be made up and tried before the superior court of law for the county of Bedford, to ascertain whether the negroe man Peter, in the bill mentioned, was a healthy sound man, at the time, he was purchased by the plaintiff of the defendants, or not; and that the verdict, to be found thereupon, be certified to this court: and, the court doth further order that with neither of the parties shall be allowed to take copies, of any of the said examinations; nor in any manner to use the same on the trial of the said issue; unless it be under such circumstances as would admit of the reading of a deposition taken de be ne esse.(?)"

A number of depositions were taken in File 361 as evidence relating to the issues of whether Peter the slave was sound or not at the time of the sale and whether he had been so described at the auction of 1815 Joseph Wright's estate. The first set of despositions were taken at the house of Johnson Noble and included the following:

The deposition of Lewis Morgan on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of William Bradley on April 23, 1818, in which he stated that "in Janr. 1814 he was shoemaking at Joseph Wrights";

The deposition of Lucy Noble on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of John Jeter on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of Pascal Butler on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of William Dollard on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of Peter Dent on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of William Noble on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of William Anderson on April 23, 1818;

The deposition of Littleberry Wright on April 25, 1818, who stated that "he was overseer for Joseph Wright the year he Died . . . . Quest. Who purchased the negroes at the sale . . . . Answer They were all purchased by the Legatees except Peter who was sold to Joseph Greer & Sam who was sold to Solomon Wright who was a son of one of the Legatees . . . . 4th Quest. by the Plf. Are you a Son of one of the Legatees of Joseph Wright Decd. Answer It is so said . . . .";

The deposition of John Dent taken on April 25, 1818;

The deposition of George Medley on April 25, 1818;

The deposition of George Stover on April 25, 1818, who examined the slave Peter and gave him medicine;

The deposition of Thomas Wright, and signed Tommey Wright, on April 25, 1818, and which provided in part as follows:

> "2d. Quest. by the Deft. Who were the negroes purchased by at the sale Answer They were all purchased by the Legatees except Peter that was purchased by Joseph Greer and Sam that was purchased by Solomon Wright who was a son of one of the Legetees . . . .

The deposition of Hezkiah Meador on April 25, 1818;

The deposition of Polly Meador on April 25, 1818, which provided in part that "what is set forth in her Husband Hezkiah Meadors affidavit is correct . . . .";

The deposition of Robert Nimmo Sr. on April 25, 1818;

The deposition of Joseph Barker on April 25, 1818; and

The deposition of Leroy Jordan on April 25, 1818.

The next set of depositions were taken at the house of Lawrence McGeorge and included the following:

The deposition of Henry Moss on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of Creed Meador on May 2, 1818, which provided in part that "he then saw negroe Peter who told him that he had been under Doctr Stover for the foul disorder, ...;

The deposition of George Turner on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of Hannah Anderson on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of Martin G. Wright on May 2, 1818, and which provides in part as follows: "3d. Quest. by the plf. Are you not a son of one of the Legatees of Joseph Wright Decd. Answer I do not know who my father was . . . .";

The deposition of William Leftich on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of Isaac Butler on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of Rebeckah Butler on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of James Coleman on May 2, 1818;

The deposition of John Hurt on May 2, 1818; and

The deposition of Joseph L. Greer on May 2, 1818, and provides in part as follows: "1. Quest by the Plf Did your Father Joseph Greer ever own any other negro of the name of Peter . . . .";

Additional depositions were then taken at various locations:

The deposition of Eli Fergeson at an undisclosed location on May 4, 1818;

The deposition of William Arther at his private(?) dwelling house in Bedford County on May 5, 1818;

The affidavit of George D. Saunders at William Arther's residence on May 5, 1818;

The affidavit of Joseph Arther at William Arther's residence on May 5, 1818;

The deposition of Cary Arther at William Arther's residence on May 5, 1818;

The deposition of Elias Yates that was undated, but was probably May 2, 1818, since it was taken at Joshua Noble's house.

After the depositions were taken, the case in File 361 was submitted to a jury to determine whether Peter the slave was sound or unsound at the time of the sale and on September 15, 1819, the jury consisting of William Lefwitch, William Otey, Henry Terry, Samuel Edmondson, John Cobb, Littleberry Lefwitch, Daniel Saunders, David Saunders, Jr., Franklin Creesly, Samuel Robins, George Skelton, and Benjamin A. Donald, returned their verdict that "the negro slave Peter was an unsound negro at the time of sale".

A second jury verdict in File 361 was obtained on July 25, 1822, from a jury consisting of John F. Hawkins, Edward Gwatkin, Lodowick McDaniel, James Watts,

John Palmer, James Lancaster, Archibald Hatcher, Ellison Clark, Matthew Bellamy, Henry Stephens, Adam Beard, and Nelson A. Thompson, who also concluded that "the slave Peter was an unsound & unhealthy man at the time of the sale refered to".

Thereafter an undated order of the court in File 361 was issued as follows:

> "This cause came on this day to be heard on the Papers formerly read, and the verdict of the jury certifyed to have been found in persuance of the order of the _____day of ____ and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and Decree that the Injunction awarded the Plaintiff in this cause on the _____ of ____ to restrain the Defendants etc be perpetuated and that the Defendants out of the estate of their testator etc pay unto the Plaintiff the cost by him expended as well as in the trial as the Issue aforesaid as the original suit at law & in the prosecution of this suit."

Thereafter the depositions of William J. Dickerson and Henry Chapman in File 361 were taken at an undisclosed location on October 8, 1822. The depositions of Jeremiah Meador and Franky Dickison or Dickeson in File 361 were also taken on October 10, 1822.

In addition, there was a deposition of an Anthony P. Wright in File 361 on October 10, 1822, signed Anthony Penell Wright which provided in part as follows:

> ". . . . That He observed to Peter that H must be much of a Man That he intended to perswad his Father or Brother to buy him. Peter said he did not wish his master Tommy to buy him because he would be to far from his wife . . . . 1st Quest by Plf Is not your a Legatee in Joseph Wright's Estate Answer It is so said . . . ."

There are only two known Anthony Wrights in Bedford County. The first was the son of 1803 John Wright and there is no evidence that he had a middle initial P or middle name Penell. In addition, he would not have attempted to "perswad his Father" to buy Peter, since 1803 John Wright had died more than twelve years before the sale. The other Anthony Wright was an Anthony P. Wright, the grandson of Anthony Wright and great- grandson of 1803 John Wright, but that Anthony P. Wright was not born until after the sale of the slave Peter had been held. The identification of this Anthony Penell Wright or Anthony P. Wright remains a mystery, but as will be set forth below, he may have been a son of Anthony Wright and grandson of 1803 John Wright.

In June 1825 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Matthew Wright filed his answer to the complaint of Peter Dent for delivery of land due him from the estate of Joseph Wright:

> "The separate answer of Mathew Wright to a bill of complaint Exhibited against him and others in the County Court of Bedford by Peter Dent
>
> This Respondent confesses the matters in the plaintiffs bill alledged and is willing that the same should be decreed accordingly and having fully answered prays to be hence dismissed he having conveyed his Interest to the plaintiff before the institution of this suit
>
> Bedford June Court 1825
> Sworn to in Court
>
> J C Steptoe DC"

On April 24, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 20/219 additional commissioners were appointed by the court to settle the account of the estate of Joseph Wright:

> "Ord. that William Shrewsbury & Henry Hurt be added to the Comrs formerly appointed to settle the a/c current of Joseph Wright Dec any three of whom may act & report to court"

On June 23, 1828, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 21/68 Robert C. Mitchell, as commissioner, conveyed to Peter Dent title to the property previously sold by 1815 Joseph Wright but not conveyed before death:

> "Whereas the undersigned Robert C. Mitchell was by an order of the County Court of Bedford made at the ____ Term of the said Court appointed as commissioner to convey certain Land sold by Joseph Wright in his to one John McCormack to Peter Dent who became a purchaser under said McCormack on behalf of Jane, Jubal, Joseph, Judith & John Meador infant children of Nancy Meador who was one of the daughters of the sd Joseph Wright Decd & also on behalf of John Wright, and Mary Greer who survives her husband Martin Greer & is also a daughter of the said Joseph Wright, Samuel Mays & Agnes his wife, Joel Simmons & Bersheba his wife which said Agnes Mays Bersheba Simmonds are also daughters of sd Joseph Wright Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the sd Robert C. Mitchell for and in consideration of the before recited premises & for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in ahnd paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted, bargained & sold aliend & confirmed & by the

presents doth grant bargain sell, alien & confirm unto the said Peter Dent for and on behalf of the before named parties one certain tract piece or parcel of Land Lying and being in the county of Bedford on Beaverdam & Cates Creeks containing fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth To Wit Beginning on Cates creek on Micajah McCormacks line & to run with his line to Richard McCormacks corner white oak and with his line to Stewart line & with his line crossing Beaverdam Creek to the south end of Buck Hill & then along the Top of Buck Hill to Beaverdam Creek & down said Creek to the mouth of Cates Creek crossing Beaverdam & up Cates creek on the south side thereof to the Beginning To have & to hold the aforesaid tract of land with the premises & the all things thereto in any manner appertinant unto him the said Peter Dent his heirs & assigns forever & the said Robert C. Mitchell on behalf of the said Parties doth covenant & agree aand bind them and each of them their Heirs and each of their heirs to warrant and forever to defend the Lands & premises with the appurtenances aforesaid to him the said Peter Dent his heirs and assigns forever against them and each of them their heirs and each of their heirs & all persons whatsoever whether at Law or in equity claiming by through or under them in any manner whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Robert C. Mitchell Commissioner as aforesaid and in behalf of the said before named parties hath hereunto set his han & affixed his seal this 23rd day of June in the year 1825.

Robert C. Mitchell Commr

At a court held for Bedford County at the courthouse June 23rd 1828.

This Deed from Robert C. Mitchell Commissioner to Peter Dent was acknowledged by Said Mitchell and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
G. A. Wingfield, D.C."

On March 25, 1839, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 26/266 Robert J. Thurman was appointed commissioner to settle the account of the estate of Joseph Wright:

"Ordered that Robert J. Thurman being first sworn, state and settle the account current of the estate of Joseph Wright Deceased with Matthew Wright & James Mayes his Executors, and make report to Court."

In September 1839 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 26/347 Matthew Pate was appointed commissioner to settle the account of the estate of Joseph Wright:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate being first sworn, state and settle the account current of the estate of Joseph Wright Deceased with Matthew Wright and James Mayse his Executors and make report to Court."

In March 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 26/43 Matthew Pate was appointed commissioner to settle the account of the legatees of the estate of Joseph Wright as well as the account for the estate:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate being first sworn, state and settle the account current of the legatees of Joseph Wright deceased with the executors of said Joseph Wright, in addition to Settling the account current of Said Executors with said estate, as directed by a former order, and make report to Court."

On June 22, 1840, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 10/238 an accounting by James Mayse and Matthew Wright for the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright for the period from September 14, 1819, through June 17, 1840, was settled by Matthew Pate and filed, showing a balance due to the estate of $17,944.37:

"The estate of Joseph Wright deceased
In a/c current with James Mayse & Matthew Wright Executors Dr.

1819				
Sept.	14	To Cash paid Christopher Anthony pr acct	25.00	
		" " " M. D. Gray do	.84	
		" " " Clerk Bedford ticket	.44	
		" " " do do do	.36	
		" " " do do do	5.55	
	27	" " " Shff. Franklin do	20.43	
		" " " Clerks do do	3.44	56.06
		" " " John Pate pr acct	6.00	
		" " " Clerk Franklin S. Court ticket	2.60	
		" " " Clerk Chancery L.B. pr. ticket	2.33	
		" " " Samuel Quarles pr acct	1.06	
		" " " Clerk Franklin do	.80	
1820				
Feby	10	" " " George Townes fee do	10.00	
Apl	11	" " " Tommy Wright do	6.00	
May	3	" " " Laurence McGeorge do	9.00	
June	1	" " " John Jeter do	1.06	38.85
	17	" Balance due the estate		9677.22
				$9772.13

Cr.

1819				
June	17	By principal due	7918.87	
		By amt Interest pr settlement this date	1383.83	
			9302.70	
		By Int. on $7823.96 bal. prin. from 17 June 1819 till 17th June 1820	469.43	9772.13

Dr.

1820				
Aug.	10	To Cash paid William Dickinson pr acct	1.06	
Sept.	8	" " " Lewis Lancaster pr acct	1.05	
		" " " Clerk Franklin pr ticket	1.20	
	30	" " " Clerk S.C. Chany. L.B. do	7.94	
1821				
March	30	" " " Clerk S.C. Franklin do	.40	
Apl	11	" " " Wm Leftwich pr acct	1.06	
	13	To Cash paid Rob Nimmo pr acct	2.12	
		" " " B. T. Maddox "	2.12	
	21	" " " Peter Dent "	2.12	
		" " " John Jeter "	2.12	
		" " " Clerk Bedford "	11.23	
		" " " M. D. Gray D. Shff "	2.31	
		" " " Clerk Bedford "	1.98	
May	20	" " " John Kasey "	.42	
June	4	" " " Hezekiah Meador "	7.87	
		" " " Clerk Chany Court £12 "	2.36	
		" " " William Cook	20.00	67.36
	17	" Balance due estate		10,075.25
				$10,142.61

Cr.

1820				
June	17	By balance from page 2	9677.22	
		" Int on $7756.60 bal prin. till 17th June 1821	465.39	10,142.61
1821				
July	20	To Cash paid Martin Wright pr acct	7.69	
Sept	30	" " " Clerk Chany Ct £12 "	8.75	
Nov.	14	" " " Branch T. Maddra "	1.06	

1822			
March 16	" " " Peter Dent "	1.06	
	" " " John Jeter "	1.06	
24	" " " Callohill Mennis "	5.00	
25	" " " Wm Leftwich "	1.06	
	" " " Wm Thornhill "	3.12	
	" " " Leroy Jordan "	2.12	30.92
June 17	" Balance due the estate		10,507.87
			10,538.79

Cr.

1821			
Jany. 17	By Balance from page 4	10,075.25	
	" Int. on $7725.68 bal. pr. until 17th June 1822	463.54	10528.00

Cr.

1822			
July 16	To Cash paid Joseph Arthur pr acct	.53	
	" " " James McClain "	2.65	
	" " " John Jeter "	2.65	
	" " " Wm Dickinson "	2.65	
	" " " Caleb Hippenstall "	5.59	
	" " " Peter Dent "	2.65	
	" " " Leroy Jordan "	1.06	
	" " " Wm Leftwich "	2.12	
	" " " Tommy Wright "	1.06	
	" " " Shff. Franklin "	.21	
	" " " Clerk Chany Ct. ticket "	16.21	
	" " " B. T. Maddra "	2.65	
	" " " Clerk Bedford ticket	15.06	
	" " " Sheriff Bedford "	3.36	
1823			
March 24	" " " L. B. Wright "	7.95	
Apl 30	" " " Clerk of Bedford "	.54	
May 26	" " " Samuel Quarles "	2.65	69.59
June 17	" Balance due the estate		10897.64
			$10967.23

Cr.

1822			
June 17	By Balance due estate	10507.87	
	" Int on $7656.09 bal. pr. until 17th June 1823	459.36	10967.23

Dr.

1823				
July	28	To Cash paid Joseph Greer pr acct	60.00	
		" " " Tho Martia l "	.90	
		" " " Joseph Greer Costs "	30.59	
Aug.	29	" " " Do Do " "	69.89	
	30	" " " Do Do " "	35.00	
Nov.	30	" " " Clerk Chany pr ticket	2.85	
1824				
March	30	" " " Clerk Chany "	5.11	204.34
June	17	" Balance due the estate		11140.40
				$11344.74

Cr

1822				
June	17	By Balance from page 6	10897.64	
		" Int on $7451.75 bal pr. until 17th June 1824	447.10	11344.74

Dr.

1824				
Sept.	30	To Cash paid Clerk Franklin Court pr ticket	.80	
		" " " McCormack bill costs pr Shffs acct	42.97	
		" amount McCormack bond due Christmas 1816 & charged a/c current as settled in 1819 only a part of which has been collected	421.34	
1825				
May	20	" Cash paid Clerk Chany Court	1.87	
		" Int on $421.34 McCormacks bond as charged in a/c current from 25th day of December 1816 until the 17th June 1825	214.16	681.14
June	17	" Balance due the estate		11353.65
				$12034.79

Cr.

1824				
June	17	By Balance due the estate	11140.40	
		" Int. on $6984.77 from 17th June 1824 till 17th June 1825	419.08	
Sept	6	" Judgment on McCormack pr. Shffs Statement for part McCormacks bond of $421.34 as charged in a/c current 1819 including damages & Int up to the 6th Sept. 1824 as pr Shff		454.13
		" Int on $454.13 recd of Shff from the 6th of Sept. 1824 till 17th June 1825	21.18	12034.79

		Dr.		
1825				
July 30		To Cash paid Clerk Franklin pr ticket	.40	
1826				
April 26		" " " Clerk Chany Court "		1.00
		" " " Clerk Bedford "	.44	1.84
June 17		" Balance due the estate		11798.03
				$11799.84
		Cr.		
1825				
June 17		By Balance from page 8	11353.65	
		By Interest on $7437.06 balance of principal including $454.13 McCormack's judgment as per Sheriffs receipt from the 17th of June 1825 until the 17th of June 1826	446.22	11799.87
		Dr.		
1827				
July 30		To Cash paid Clerk of Bedford pr acct	.36	
		" " " The Marshal "	3.00	
Aug. 30		" " " Clerk of Bedford	.25	3.61
1828				
June 17		" Balance due the estate		12686.42
				$12690.03
		Cr.		
1826				
June 17		By Balance due the estate	11798.03	
		" Int. on $7433.45 bal. princ till 17th June 1828	892.00	12690.03
		Dr.		
1828				
Dec 30		To Cash paid Clerk Chancery Court pr. ticket	2.20	
		" " " Conv. of Chancery Court pr. rect	8.00	10.20
1829				
June 17		" Balance due the estate		13121.22
				$13131.42
		Cr.		
1828				
June 17		By Balance due estate	12686.03	
		" Int. on $7423.25 bal principal from the 17th June 1828 until the 17th June 1829	445.39	13131.42
		Dr.		
1830				
Dec. 30		To Cash paid Clerk Chancery Court pr. ticket	5.24	

1831				
Dec.	30	" " " Do S.C. Court Bedford pr. do	3.25	8.49
		" Balance due the estate		14002.50
				14010.99
		Cr.		
1829				
June	17	By Balance due the estate	13121.22	
		" Interest on $7414.76 balance of principal from the 17th June 182_ till the 17th June 1831	889.77	14010.99
		Dr.		
1832				
Dec.	30	To Cash paid Clerk S. Court pr. ticket	4.99	
1833				
Dec.	30	" " " Do do Bedford "	2.31	
		" " " Do do " "	4.53	11.83
June	17	" Balance due the estate		14890.85
		Cr.		
1831				
June	17	By Balance from page 10	14002.50	
		" Int. on $7402.93 balance of principal from the 17th June 1831 till the 17th April 1833	888.35	14890.85
		Dr.		
1834				
Dec.	30	To Cash paid Clerk S. Court Bedford pr. ticket	2.94	
1835				
Dec.		" " " Do. Sup. Court " "	1.98	
1836				
Jany.		" " " Do do " "	1.00	5.92
June	17	" Balance due the estate		16204.56
				16210.48
		Cr.		
1836				
June	17	By Balance due the estate	16204.56	
		" Int. on $7368.41 bal. princ. from 17th June 1836 till 17th June 1840	1768.41	17972.97
		Dr.		
1837				
Dec.	7	To Cash paid Fletcher & Toler for publishing Chany order	6.00	
1838				
Dec.	30	" " " Clerk of Bedford per ticket	1.60	
		" " " Do do "	1.00	

1840				
June	14	" " " Com for settling this a/c	20.00	28.60
		To amount brought over		28.60
1840				
June	17	" Balance due the estate		17944.37
				17972.97
1840				
June	17	By Balance due the estate		$17944.37

Pursuant to an order of Bedford September Court 1839 having been duly sworn I have proceeded to state and settle the account current of the estate of Joseph Wright deceased with Matthew Wright and James Mayse Executors of said estate as represented by the annexed account showing a balance of $17944:37 in favour of said estate as settled up to the 17th day of June 1840. Given under my hand this 22nd day of June in the year 1840.

Matthew Pate

N.B. It will be perceived that in the settlement of this account I have cross charged McCormack's bond of $421:34 credited in the account current as settled the 17th June 1819 which bond was then in suit a judgment was obtained and a bill of Injunction was filed restraining the collection of all but $316. and some cents execution issued for that Sum together with the damages and interest amounting to the sum of $454:13 the balance of McCormacks bond remaining uncollected as yet, but when collected if ever will be a subject of distribution

Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22nd day of June 1840.

This account current of the estate of Joseph Wright deceased with the executors was produced in Court and ordered to lie for exceptions, and it is ordered that the item of $20. paid the Commissioner for Settling said account be confirmed. And at a Court held for said County the 27th day of July 1840 no exceptions having been taken to said account the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

In June 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/207

Matthew Wright filed exceptions to the account of the legatees of Joseph Wright:

"Matthew Wright one of the Executors of Joseph Wright deceased, filed exceptions to the Settlement of the account Current of the legatees of said

Joseph Wright deceased with the said Matthew Wright and James Mayse Executors of said decedent, and the same is continued as to said exceptions"

In April 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/432 Matthew Pate was appointed to settle the account of the estate of Joseph Wright:

"Ordered that Matthew Pate being first sworn state and settle the account current of the estate of Joseph Wright Deceased with James Mayse his executor and report to Court."

In May 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/450 Peter M. Wright, as administrator of the estate of Matthew Wright, withdrew the objections filed by Matthew Wright to the account of the legatees of Joseph Wright:

"An account current of the legatees of Joseph Wright Deceased with the executors of said Joseph Wright, to which exceptions have heretofore been filed by Matthew Wright, this day came up to be heard on said exceptions - whereupon Peter M. Wright the admr. of Matthew Wright Deceased by counsel withdraws the said exceptions, and the said account is ordered to be recorded."

On May 3, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 2/181 the court ordered the distribution of the proceeds of sale of the land of the estate of Joseph Wright to the heirs of William McCormack and convey the land to the purchaser:

"James Mayse Surviving Exor of Joseph Wright decd plaintiff
against
Judith McCormack, John McCormack, Anderson McCormack Wright McCormack, William McCormack, Abraham McCormack Nancy McCormack, Polly McCormack, Abraham Showalter and Frances his wife & Michael Hutts & Judith his wife

Defendants

In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard upon the papers formerly read and the report of Gustavus A Wingfield commissioner appointed by a decretal order pronounced in this cause on the 1st day of October last to sell the said 72-1/2 acres of land in the amended bill & proceedings mentioned to which there is no exception and was argued by counsel Upon consideration whereof the Court approving said report doth confirm it, and doth adjudge, order and decree that the same Commissioners do proceed to collect the bonds in the said report mentioned as they respectively fall due and become payable - and out of the proceeds thereof after deducting a Commission of five percent do pay to the

plaintiff the amount of his debt according to the Statement No. 2 annexed to the said report and the Costs by him expended in the prosecution of this Suit since the _ day of September 1842, and the balance if any pay over to the defendants according to their respective rights as heirs & distributees of the said William McCormack decd, and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that the Same Commissioner do when the purchase money is paid, convey the said land to the said John A. Edwards by deed with Special warranty at the proper costs of the said Edwards."

On May 28, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/34 an accounting for the estate of Joseph Wright by Matthew Wright and James Mays and for the payment to the legatees was recorded and showed a continuing balance due from William McCormack to the estate of $279.98:

"Thomas Wright
In account with Matthew Wright and James Mays Executors of Joseph Wright Deceased Dr

1820			
May 8	To Cash pr receipt	836.70	
	" Interest in Do till the 17" June 1840	1009.55	1846.25
	Cr		
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr.		
	account current settle this date	1631.30	
	By this sum over paid	214.95	1846.25
1840			
June 17	To this sum due the estate		$214.95

Joseph Wright
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1819			
June 17	To Cash pr statement		$836.80
	" Int on Do till 17" June 1840	1054.36	1891.16
	Cr.		
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944 34 as pr		
	account current settled this date	1631.30	
	By this sum over paid	259.86	1891.16
1840			
June 17	To this sum due the estate	$215.86	

Rite Wright
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1819			
June 17	To Cash pr statement	$826.70	
July 3	" Cash pr seceipt to James Mays	10.00	836.70
	" Int on $826.70 from the 17th June 1819 till 17th June 1840	1041.64	
	" Int on $10 from 3d July 1819 till 17th June 1840		12.57
			1890.91
	Cr.		
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current		1631.30
	By this sum over paid		259.86
			1800.91
1840			
June 17	To this sum due the estate	$259.61	

Martin Greer
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1817			
June 16	To Cash of Matthew Wright pr receipt		$700.00
	" Interest on Same till 17th June 1840		966.11
			1666.11
	Cr.		
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current		1631.30
	By this sum over paid		34.81
			1666.11
1840			
June 17	To this sum due Executors	$34.81	

Samuel Mays
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1819		
June 17	To Cash of James Mays pr receipt	$575.00
	" Do of Matthew Wright pr. receipt	125.00
	" Interest on Same till 17th June 1840	966.11
		1666.11

Cr.

1840		
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current	1631.30
	By this sum over paid	34.81
		1666.11
1840		
June 17	To this sum due Executors	$34.81

William McCormack
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1824		
Sept 22	To this sum discounted out of your debts to the estate by direction of the Chanceler as stated by the Exors agreable to the account current taken 17th day of June 1819	$845.70
	" Int on Same from 17th June 1819 till 17th June 1840	1065.58
		1911.28

Cr.

1840		
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current	1631.30
	By this sum over paid	279.98
		1911.28
1840		
June 17	To this sum due Executors	$279.98

The legatees of Nancy Meador Viz; Jane, Jubal,
Joseph, Judah & John Meador
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1816		
Apl 22	To Cash paid John Turnor Guardian of Jane and John Meador by Matthew Wright pr receipt	$50.00
1817		
Feby 24	" Cash paid Do Do pr. receipt	140.00
March 24	" Do Do Do Do pr. Do	82.00
1820		
May 3	" Do Do Jubal Meador pr James Mays receipt	25.00
8	" Do Do Do Do pr Do Do "	130.00
27	" Do Do Do Do pr Do Do "	6.18
Augst 30	" Do Do Do Do pr Do Do "	4.50
Oct 13	" Do Do Do Do pr Do Do "	10.00
1820		
May 8	" Do pd Thos Wright Guardn of Joseph Meador pr recpt	167.34

1822			
July 21	" Do pd John Meador Guardn of Judah pr receipt		150.00
			$765.02
	" Int on $50 from 22d April 1816 till 17th June 1840	$72.46	
	" Int on $140 from 24th February 1917 to 17th June 1840	195.82	
	" Int on $82 from 24th March 1817 to 17th June 1840	114.28	
	" Int on $25 from 3rd May 1820 to 17th June 1840	30.18	
	" Int on $130 from 8th May 1820 to 17th June 1840	157.02	
	To Int on $6.18 from 27th May 1820 to 17th June 1840	7.40	
	" Int on $4.50 from 30 August 1820 to 17th June 1840	5.34	
	" Int on $10 from 13th October 1820 to 17th June 1840	11.80	
	" Int on $167.34 from 8th May 1820 to 17th June 1840	201.07	
	" Int on $150. from 21st July 1822 to 17th June 1840	161.33	956.70
			$1721.72
	Cr.		
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current		1631.30
	By this sum over paid		90.42
			1721.72
	Dr		
1840			
June 17	To this sum due Executors		$90.42
	Cr		
	By $25. with interest from the 8th of May 1820 improperly charged arising from a different fund		$55.15
	By balance due after connecting error		35.27
1840			
June 17	To this sum over paid		$35.27

Joel Simmons
In a/c with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd

1816			
Nov 26	To Cash of Matthew Wright pr. Receipt	$40.00	
Dec 3	" Do of Do " pr receipt	50.00	
4	" Do of Do " pr Do	40.00	
1817			
Jany 26	" Do of Do " pr receipt	18.78	
June 6	" Do of Do " pr Do	35.00	
Sept 27	" Do of Do " Do	120.00	
1818			
June 10	" Do of Do " pr Do	400.34	
1821			
June 17	" Do of Do " pr Do	4.89	709.01
	Int on $40 till 17th June 1840	$56.55	
	Int on $50. till 17th June 1840	70.61	
	Int on $40. till 17th June 1840	56.48	
	" Int on $18.78 till 17th June 1840	26.36	
	" Int on $35. till 17th June 1840	48.36	
	" Int on $120. till 17th June 1840	163.60	
	" Int on $400.34 till 17th June 1840	528.90	
	" Int on $489. till 17th June 1840	5.57	956.43
			$1665.44
1840			
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr account current		1631.30
	By this sum over paid		34.14
			1665.44
1840			
June 17	To this sum due Executors		$34.14

John Wright
In account with Matthew Wright & James Mays Exors of Joseph Wright Decd.

1813		
Aug 13	To amt your debt due the estate of Jos. Wright Decd. this date	$400.00
	" Int. on same till 17th June 1840	644.26
		$1044.26
	" Balance due	587.04
		$1631.30
	Cr.	
1840		
June 17	By 1/11 of $17944.34 as pr. account current	$1631.30

1840
June 17 By balance due $587.04

See page 45 for a portion of this account, which was inadvertently omitted on this page.

Pursuant to an order of the County Court of Bedford made at March term 1840 directing me to settle the account current of the legatees of Joseph Wright Deceased with the executors of said Joseph Wright Deceased. I have settled the said accounts as stated in the foregoing settlements all which is respectfully submitted by your commissioner this 24th day May 1841.

Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of May 1841.

This account current of the legatees of Joseph Wright Deceased with Matthew Wright and James Mayse his executors was produced in Court and ordered to lie till the next Term for exceptions and at a Court held for said County the 29th day of June 1841 Matthew Wright one of the executors of Joseph Wright Deceased filed exceptions to the settlement of the account current of the legatees of said Joseph Wright Deceased with the said Matthew Wright and James Mayse executors of said decedent and the same is continued as to said exceptions and afterwards to Wit: At a Court held for said County the 28th day of May 1845. This account current of the legatees of Joseph Wright Deceased with the executors of said Joseph Wright to which exceptions have heretofore been filed by Matthew Wright this day came up to be heard upon said exceptions. Whereupon Peter M. Wright the administrator of Matthew Wright Deceased by counsel withdraws the said exceptions and the said account was ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

Apparently upon the filing of the account on May 24, 1841, Matthew Wright excepted to the settlement of the account as to some matters, but thereafter Peter M. Wright, the administrator of Matthew Wright's estate, withdrew the exceptions and the accounting was filed and recorded on May 28, 1845.

On December 22, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/116, a further accounting by James Mayse dated August 22, 1845, was filed with the court:

"The estate of Joseph Wright Decd
In account with James Mayse Surviving Exor of Joseph Wright Decd Dr

1842			
Octo 5	To cash paid William Cook for Recpt	30.00	
	" Int on same till 22nd August 1845	5.19	35.19
1841			
Aug 22	To cash paid Jno A Wharton pr Recpt	3.93	
	" Int on same till 22d August 1845	.94	4.87
1844			
July 27	To cash paid printer for publication	6.00	
	" Int on same till 22d August 1845	.38	6.38
Feby 24	To cash paid Edmund McGeorge for surveying McCormacks land	3.00	
	" Int till 22d August 1845	.27	3.27
1841			
May 22	To cash paid Clerk of Bedford ticket	3.73	
	" Interest 22nd August 1845	.89	4.62
Nov 1 5.38	To cash paid Fletcher & Lawler for publication		
	" Interest till 22d August 1845	1.23	6.61
1842			
Aug 22	To Cash paid Clk S Court ticket	4.81	
	" Interest till 22nd August 1845	.57	5.38
1844			
Aug 22	To cash paid clk S Court ticket	1.96	
	" Interest till 22d August 1845	.11	2.07
1842			
Aug 22	To cash paid clk S Court Bedford ticket	1.41	
	" Interest till 22d August 1845	.25	1.66
1842			
Aug 22	To cash paid Sheriffs & Clarks tickets	1.37	
	" Interest till 22d August 1845	.24	
1844			
Aug 22	To cash paid Clks tickets &c	1.36	
	" Interest till 22d August 1845	.08	
1845			
Aug 22	To cash paid by H Wingfield fee		10.00
1840			
Aug 22	" Cash paid Clk S Court ticket	1.00	
	" Interest till 22nd August 1845	.30	1.30
1841			
Aug 22	To Cash paid Clk S Court ticket	3.46	
	" Interest till 22nd August 1845	.84	4.30

Aug 22	To Cash paid for publication & copy Armstrong Hales Survey	4.47	
	" Interest till 22nd August 1845	.96	5.43
1840			
Aug 22	To Cash paid Clerk of Bedford ticket	.72	
	" Interest till 22nd August 1845	.21	
1845			
Aug 22	To Cash paid Clk S Court ticket	3.36	3.36
" 22	To Cash paid Clk S Court for making Order to Settle account current &c	2.86	2.86
1842			
Aug 5	To Cash paid M Pate Comr for Settling acct. between Exor & Legatees	11.00	
	To Interest on same till 22nd Aug. 1845	2.00	
22	To acct Wingfield's fee pr Recpt.	30.00	
	To Int. to 22 Augt 1845	5.19	
	To this same for Settling this acct	2.00	
	To Commissions and $803.66 at 5 pr ct.	40.18	90.38
			612.00
			$803.66

Cr

1842			
Aug 22	By cash recd of G A Wingfield pr Recpt	194.74	
	" Interest on same till 22nd August 1845	35.52	230.26
1843			
Decmb 1	By Cash recd by A Wingfield after deducting commissions &c	420.85	
	" Interest on Same till 22d August 1845	43.62	464.47
1845			
Nov 13	" Cash recd of G A Wingfield in part of McCormacks Debt	56.34	
	By Cond and 8th Jany 1846 for $62.59 from which deduct Wingfield as fee 10,00	52.59	108.93
			$803.66
	By Balance due the estate up to the 22nd Aug 1845 $612.00		

Pursuant to an order of the County Court of Bedford pronounced at April term last I have proceeded to State & Settle the acct Current of Joseph Wright decd, with James Mayse his Executors having been duly qualified according to law & find a balance of $612 in favour of Said Estate as settled up to the 22d August

1845 as the annexed Statemt Will show - Given under my hand this 25th day of Novr. 1845

Matthew Pate Comr

At a court held for Bedford County the 24th Nov 1845

This account current of the estate of Joseph Wright Dec with his executors was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions; and at a court held for said County the 22nd Dec. no exceptions having been taken the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

That accounting apparently finally settled the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County.

The will of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County did not name his wife or make any mention of her, suggesting that she was probably dead by the time it was written. And none of the deeds which can be clearly identified as ones to which 1815 Joseph Wright was a party grantor names his wife. All of the deeds which name a Joseph Wright with a wife Elizabeth are the deeds of 1831 Joseph Wright, the son of 1814 John Wright, and not of 1815 Joseph Wright. However, it is possible to identify the two wives of 1815 Joseph Wright by alternative methods.

Mrs. Lois Baird found a remarkable declaration and assignment by Littleberry Wright dated June 19, 1873, and recorded at Deed Book P, page 139, Meade County, Kentucky:

"Meade County State of Kentucky, United States of America the nineteenth day of June A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventh Three,

I Little Berry Wright of the County State and Country aforesaid was born March the 25th twenty ____ day One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One in the State of Virginia near Bedford or Franklin County. My father was named Joseph Wright Jr. of Bedford County Virginia. he was a Son of Joseph Wright Sr. of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid who was my grandfather.

To the best of my Knowledge my grandfathers, Father was named Joseph Wright and moved from England to this Country before the Independence of the

United States, and married a Miss Kemp, in the Teritory now Known as the State of Maryland and afterwards removed to what is now Known as Bedford County Virginia and lived there until his death.

My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot(?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott,

My Grand Father had five children by his first wife which was my Grand mother the names of which was Thomas, Mary, Milly, John and Joseph, The names of the children by his Second wife was named Aggie Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Mathew & Wright-Wright making twelve in all. My own father Joseph Wright Jr. married Mary Cook for his first wife and had three children by her, named David, John & Berry, his first wife Mary Cook was my mother, He married for his second wife Clara Drake and had one child by her named Martin G. Wright, He married for his third wife Martha Poggins by whom he had four children named Elizabeth, Frank, Louise and Mary.

Martin G. Wright son of the said Joseph Wright by his Second wife Clara Drake married Delila McCormick by whom he had eleven children named Poling(?) - Riley - Elvira - Polisty - Lucretia Minerva - Clarinda - Joseph Henry - Gilbert - Sanford - Delila -

My Grand father raised me from my infancy and I recollect well that my Grand father had in his possession a chest of papers that was sent to his father from England in reference to a large amount of money coming to him from an estate in England and that he employed a man by the name of Joseph Penuell to go to England and get said money for him but he failed to go to England claiming that he was taken sick and could not go, and gave the papers back to my Grand father who put them back in the Chest. I staid with my Grandfather until his death, and his son Mathew Wright and his Son in law James Mays administered on his estate and after the Sale was over James Mays brought the chest of papers out and stated that the whole amount of the Sale was not worth anything compared with this meaning the chest of papers -

I myself married Elizabeth Meadows on the twentieth of December A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen in Bedford County Virginia and had by her ten daughters three of whom are dead, the names of those living are as

follows. Marinda J. Stith, Drucilla F. Fife, Rhoda M. Pearman, Luticia Stith, Elizabeth Hudspeth, Oney Stith, Crittera Heagan.

Attest
H.C. Rawlings
R.C. Craycroft

L. B. Wright

Meade County Kentucky June the Nineteenth day One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy three. We the undersigned heirs of Joseph Wright dec do hereby apoint constitute and ordain Riley Wright as our legal and lawful agent and attorney in fact, to settle and colect to Sue or bring Suit and act for us, and it be binding in law as though we had signed them ourselves. to serch and obtain and get an estate that is in England coming to the Wright heirs and we bind Ourselves to pay to the Said Riley Wright all expenses that he may have to pay out on Said business each paying his proportional part of said cost and Expences, that the Said Riley Wright may have to pay in traveling, Lawyer fees Records etc and all other expences that he may be at as witness we the heirs of sd Estate we set our hands and seals day and date above mention.

his
L. B. X Wright
Mark
Marinda J. Stith
G. D. Wright
his
G.(?) T. X Wright
mark
James A. Miller
G. M. Frakes
J. T. Yates
Jas. D. Heskins
W. H. Frakes
Daniel G. Frakes - Witness S.C. Malin"

James K. Wright
W. J. Ritchie
M. R. C. Wright
John Morris
William Lockard Jr.
J. H. Wright
his
S. R.(?) X Wright
mark

The statement that his grandfather Joseph Wright ". . . . had five children by his first wife which was my Grandmother the names of which were Thomas, Mary, Milly, John and Joseph. The names of the children by his second wife was named Aggie, Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Matthew & Wright making twelve in all . . . ." corresponds to the children named in the will of 1815 Joseph Wright, except that Milly was not mentioned and Martha was listed as Patsey. However, the names of the two wives were not listed.

Our Kin stated at page 636 that "Joseph Wright, son of Thomas and Mary Wright, married Elizabeth Kemp in Maryland." However, no source is given for that statement.

But the declaration of Little Berry Wright also stated that:

> "To the best of my knowledge my great grandfather was named Joseph Wright and moved from England to this country before the Independence of the United States and married a Miss Kemp in the Territory now known as the State of Maryland and afterward removed to what is now known as Bedford County Virginia and lived there until his death."

This is the one paragraph in the declaration where Little Berry expressed some doubt about his information. In the next paragraph Little Berry identified four of the children of his grandfather as John, Joseph, Elizabeth and Dorcas, the last name clearly identifying 1763 Thomas Wright as Little Berry's great grandfather.

The result is that while Little Berry apparently correctly identified his grandfather's first marriage to Elizabeth Kemp, he mistakenly thought it was that of his great grandfather. At the minimum there is a separate and independent statement of a Joseph Wright marrying a Miss Kemp in Maryland.

A third piece of evidence is that the name Kemp appears in the name of a descendant of 1815 Joseph Wright. Joseph Kemp Wright was the son of Rite Wright and the grandson of 1815 Joseph Wright. This man was known among his family as "Uncle Kemp" and the middle name Kemp is listed as his name in notes regarding the family history wrtten by Mary Rachel (Turner) Newbill, in 1937 and which notes are now held by Mrs. Albert E. Jenner, Jr., Kenilworth, Illinois, and a copy of which was given to me by Mrs. Sandy Mealoy, 806 Gellert Blvd., Daly City, California, a great great granddaughter of Rite Wright.

Finally, the conclusion that 1815 Joseph Wright married Elizabeth or Miss Kemp in Maryland is supported by the fact that 1763 Thomas Wright lived there from roughly 1733 to at least 1745, and possibly later. 1815 Joseph Wright could then have been old enough to marry Elizabeth Kemp while the Wright family resided in Maryland, or went back to Maryland to marry after his family moved away.

Based on the above I think it is fair to conclude that 1815 Joseph Wright married Elizabeth Kemp as his first wife. Unfortunately, no marriage listing for a Joseph Wright and any wife named Kemp has been found.

The evidence that 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County married Judith Pate, the daughter of 1768 Edward Pate, as his second wife is based on a break in the chain of title of certain property in Bedford County by which property originally owned by 1768 Edward Pate and given by him in his will to his children, including Judith, ended up in the hands of 1815 Joseph Wright.

In Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 3/89 dated May 26, 1767, George Walton sold 774 acres of land to Edward Pate. The legal description of that deed and a plat of the property are set forth in connection with 1803 John Wright above. As mentioned in that section, there is no listing of Edward Pate as grantor of that land and he devised the property in his will dated November 19, 1767, and proved May __, 1768, as follows:

To his son Matthew Pate	274 acres
To his son Anthony Pate	100 acres
To his son Thomas Pate	100 acres
To his daughter Judith	200 acres
To his son Jeremiah Pate	100 acres
Total	774 acres

In Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 9/47 dated December 17, 1791, Anthony Pate sold his 100 acres to 1815 Joseph Wright. There are no deeds in which Matthew Pate, Judith Pate, or Jeremiah Pate are named as grantor prior to 1798. There are four deeds from Thomas Pate, as grantor, but as set forth above in connection with 1803 John Wright, all of those deeds involve property other than that described in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 3/89. The result is that there is a recorded conveyance of only 100 acres of the land from 1768 Edward Pate's children prior to 1798.

However, in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 10/318 dated July 24, 1797, 1815 Joseph Wright conveyed 300 acres as a gift to his son Matthew Wright. The legal description of that land and a plat of the property are given above in connection with 1803 John Wright, and that section also places that 300 acres within the boundaries of

the original grant to 1768 Edward Pate in Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 3/89. The question is how 1815 Joseph Wright acquired the additional 200 acres beyond what he bought from Anthony Pate by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 9/47 and which he then gifted to Matthew Wright by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 10/318.

The answer seems clearly to be that 1815 Joseph Wright married as his second wife Judith Pate, Judith owned her 200 acres, and that property passed to 1815 Joseph Wright on Judith's death by intestate succession without the necessity of a formal document of transfer, then 1815 Joseph Wright owned the land, and then gifted it to his and Judith's son Matthew.

Such a transfer explains why there is a break in the chain of title for this property between 1768 Edward Pate's children and 1815 Joseph Wright and Judith's earlier death explains why she was not mentioned in 1815 Joseph Wright's will.

One item which requires explanation is the Bedford County marriage bond of Judith Pate and Charles Callaway dated December 14, 1768. That marriage bond is for Judith (Early) Pate, the widow of 1767 John Pate, and not for Judith Pate, the daughter of 1768 Edward Pate. The evidence for that conclusion is as follows.

In Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 3/51 dated February 25, 1767, Jeremiah Early gifted certain property to John Pate and refers in that deed to his daughter Judith as the wife of John Pate:

> "This Indenture made this Twenty fifth day of Feby. in the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand seven Hundred & sixty seven Between Jeremiah Early of Bedford County of the one part and John Pate of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Jeremiah Early as well for the Natural Love and Affection which he hath and Beareth unto Judith his Daughter wife of the above said John Pate . . . ."

John Pate's will was dated August 23, 1767, and probated September 23, 1767, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/56. Jeremiah Early is the named executor and the will provides in part as follows:

> "I give my Whole Estate to my Loving wife and as she is with Child at this Time my Desire is that When the Child Groing up to Years of Meturaty it Shall have the half of my Estate at that Time and at my Wife Death shall have all . . . ."

The will of 1768 Edward Pate, written on November 19, 1767, shortly after his son John's death, provides for his daughter- in-law Judith and her now born son John:

> "Item I give and Bequeath To my Grandson (son of John Pate and Judith his Wife) Ten Pounds Cash to be paid if he lives to be Ten Years Old on purpose to Give him Learning and if he should Dye before he Comes to be Ten Years Old my will and Desire is that the Said Ten pounds Shall Remain in my Estate forever . . . ."

The marriage bond of Judith Pate and Charles Callaway was dated December 14, 1768, over a year after Judith (Early) Pate became a widow.

Our Kin at page 295 stated that the wife of Charles Callaway was Judith Early Pate, daughter of Jeremiah Early.

The result is that Judith Pate, daughter of 1768 Edward Pate, was not the Judith Pate who married Charles Callaway in 1768; rather it was Judith (Early) Pate, his daughter-in-law.

There is additional evidence that Judith Pate was the second wife of 1815 Joseph Wright. In the declaration of Little Berry Wright dated June 19, 1873, he stated that the children of his grandfather 1815 Joseph Wright's second wife were Aggie, Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Matthew, and Wright. Judith Pate's mother was Martha (____) Pate and one of her brothers was Matthew; the fourth daughter would be Judith's own name. The repetition of family names is striking.

In addition, the name Pate appears among the descendants of 1815 Joseph Wright. Matthew Wright named one of his sons Joseph Pate Wright and he in turn named one of his sons Joseph Pate Wright II.

Finally, there was probably already a family connection with the Pates in that 1815 Joseph Wright's brother 1803 John Wright married Elizabeth Pate, the daughter of Anthony Pate.

The result of this evidence I believe is a convincing case that 1815 Joseph Wright married as his second wife Judith Pate, the daughter of 1768 Edward Pate.

Another piece of confusing evidence is the death certificate for Rite Wright, son of 1815 Joseph Wright, which listed the decedent's parents as Joseph and Clara Wright with the informant Fleming J. T. Wright, the decedent's son. However, as will be shown

below in the section on Joseph Wright, the son of 1815 Joseph Wright, that Joseph Wright married Clarissa Drake and it is possible that Fleming J. T. Wright confused these two Joseph Wrights when providing the information for the death certificate.

Given the list of the children of 1815 Joseph Wright by his two wives, it is possible to estimate the dates of birth and death of those wives.

The first five children of 1815 Joseph are listed as Thomas, Mary, Milly, John, and Joseph. As will be discussed more fully below, their dates of birth may be estimated as follows:

Thomas	c. 1760 and between 1760 and 1762
Mary	c. 1770
Milly	?
John	before 1783 and probably between 1770 and 1780
Joseph Wright	between March 31, 1766 and 1775 and probably before 1767

The seven children of the second marriage are listed as Aggie, Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Matthew, and Wright. Their dates of birth may be estimated as follows:

Agnes	between 1760 & 1770
Nancy	between 1765 and 1777
Barsheba	probably before 1791
Judith	between 1776 and 1794 and probably about 1776
Martha "Patsey"	between 1780 and 1784 or c. 1780
Matthew	October 19, 1776, or between 1776 and 1780
Wright or Rite	c. June 1780 or between 1775 and 1790.

While the dates are somewhat confused and in part contradictory within the second group, there seems to be a grouping of the first set of births from 1760-1765 to the early 1770's and of the second set from the mid-1770's to the mid- 1780's.

The implication is clear that Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright had probably died before about 1775 and possibly as early as 1773 or 1774. Since Thomas was born about 1760, if Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright was at least 16 years of age at the birth of her first child, her birth date would be probably before 1745. I suspect that 1815 Joseph Wright

and Elizabeth Kemp were married about 1760 shortly before he purchased his land in Bedford County and that she died about 1770 after her fifth child was born, based on two years per child on average, but this must remain merely speculation at this stage.

Judith (Pate) Wright was born before November 19, 1767, since she was mentioned in her father Edward Pate's will of that date. And she married after that date because she was referred to by her maiden name. Although the birth dates remain confused, she appeared to be having children by 1776. This suggests a marriage about 1774 and a birth date of probably before 1759. None of her children appear to have been born after 1790 and this would be consistent with having seven children with one born about every two years from 1774 on. Since she was not mentioned in 1815 Joseph's will, she probably died before 1815. In addition, since there was no female listed in Joseph Wright's household in 1810 and only one child aged 0- 10, she probably died before 1810. Since they were residing in Bedford County during that period, her death probably occurred there.

The will of 1815 Joseph Wright dated February 21, 1815, proved on September 11, 1815, and recorded at Bedford County Superior Court Book A/15 listed the following descendants:

1) Barsheba Simmons, wife of Joel Simmons,
2) Nancy Meador, deceased, and her children:
    a) Jane Meador,
    b) Jubal Meador,
    c) Joseph Meador,
    d) Judith Meador, and
    e) John Meador,
3) Judith McCormack, wife of William McCormack,
4) Patsey Mayse,
5) Thomas Wright,)
6) John Wright,) eldest sons
7) Joseph Wright,)
8) Mary Greer,

9) Agness Mayse,

10) Matthew Wright, and

11) Rite Wright.

The will also referred to 1815 Joseph's son-in-law James Mayse. As set forth above, the declaration of Little Berry Wright stated that 1815 Joseph's first five children were:

1) Thomas,

2) Mary,

3) Milly,

4) John, and

5) Joseph.

This is consistent with the will which describes Thomas, John, and Joseph as his three oldest sons, but the declaration adds Milly as a child. The declaration also stated that the second seven children were:

6) Aggie,

7) Nancy,

8) Basheba,

9) Judith,

10) Martha,

11) Matthew, and

12) Wright.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 287409 for Mabel Wright Ballard dated October 10, 1934, which stated that Joseph Wright was born about 1740, married Elizabeth Kemp in about 1762, and died in 1815 and that Elizabeth Kemp was born in 1742 and died before 1815.

NSSAR Application #79314 for Alfred Bunyan Lemon dated November 13, 1956, stated that Joseph Wright was as son of Thomas Wright and Mary (____) Wright, born about 1744, married about 1763, and died in February 1815, that Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright was born about 1746 and died before 1815, and that the source of this

information was Maryland Family Papers and that the marriage license of Joseph Wright was in the possession of Maggie MacManaway, Route 1, Stewartsville, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright were the following:

1) Thomas Wright, born about 1760 or between 1760 and 1762 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary (Wright) Greer, born about 1770 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Milly Wright,

4) John Wright, born probably between 1770 and 1780, and

5) Joseph Wright, born between March 31, 1766, and 1775 and probably before 1767, and

the children of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and Judith (Pate) Wright were the following:

1) Agness (Wright) Mayse, born probably between 1760 and 1770 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Nancy (Wright) Meador, born between 1765 and 1777 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Barsheba (Wright) Simmons, born probably before 1791 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Judith (Wright) McCormack, born between 1776 and 1794 and probably about 1776,

5) Martha "Patsey" (Wright) Mayse, born between 1780 and 1784 or c. 1780 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Matthew Wright, born October 19, 1776, or between 1776 and 1780 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

7) Wright or Rite Wright, born about June 1780 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

1. 1849 Thomas Wright Of Franklin County, His Wives Phebe (____) Wright And Susannah (Pasley) Wright, And His Descendants

1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County was the son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth (Kemp) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2])

The 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name	Free Males above 21 yrs	Slaves	Horses	Cattle	White Ty above 16 yrs	Blk Tithes above 16 yrs
Thomas Wright	1		1	5	1	

This record indicates that Thomas Wright was born before 1762.

The 1783 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name	No White & Blk Tithes	Tax on Cover-ing Horses	Whites Over 21	Blacks Over 16	Blacks under 16	Total Blacks
Thomas Wright	1					

No Horses	No Nett Cattle	No Wheels R Carriages	Ordinary License
2	4		

The 1784 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

On August 24, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/484 Thomas Wright purchased 281 acres of land from Matthew Talbot:

> "This Indenture made this 24th day of August A.D. 1784 Between Matthew Talbot Senr of the One part and Thomas Wright of the other part witnesseth that the said Matthew Talbot for and in Consideration of the sum of Forty pounds

Current Money to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth acknowledge hath bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell, alien, Enfeof, Release, Deliver and Confirm unto the said Thomas Wright His Heirs and Assigns forever One Cartain Tract or Parcel of Land containing Two Hundred eighty one Acres more or less lying and being in the County of Bedford and on both sides of Lenvills Creek and bounded as followeth (to wit) Begining at a Red Oak on the West side of the said Creek, thence along the ____ Cources of the Patten Lines bearing date the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and eighty and it being part of the said Patent Land the said Pattarn Containing 1062 Acres Running up the Creek & cross the Branches round with the several Cources to the East dividing Corner of the said Gilberts Land thence along the Division Line to the Beginning together with all the appurtainaces and Priviledges the Reversion and Reversions the Remainder & Remainders and every part & Parcil thereof To have and to hold the above Land and Premises unto the said Thomas Wright and his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said Matthew Talbot doth for himself and his Heirs covenant and agree to & with the said Thomas Wright his Heirs & Assigns that he the said Matthew Talbot and his Heirs the above granted Land and Premises in an Undefeasable fee Simple Estate unto the said Thomas Wright his Heirs and Assigns against the Claim & Demad of and every person or Persons whatsoever shall and will by these Presents warrant & forever defend In Witness whereof the said Matthew Talbot hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of
John Early
Charles Simmons
George his X mark Simmons
Joseph Wright

Matthew Talbot

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of September 1781 This Indenture was proved by the Oath of Joseph Wright a Witness thereto Subscribed And at a Court held for the same County the 28th day of March 1785 the said Indenture was further proven by the Oaths of John Early & Charles Simmons Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste,
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

If Thomas Wright was at least 18 years of age at the time he purchased that land, his date of birth would be before 1767.

On December 18, 1784, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/445 Thomas Wright sold 140 acres of the 281 acres of land purchased in Bedford County Deed 7/484 to George Simmons, Jr:

"This Indenture made this 18th day of December 1784 Between Thomas Wright of the One part and Gorg Simmons Junr of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright for and in Consideration of the sum of Thirtey five Poundes Current Money to him in hand paid the Recept whereof he doth acknowledg hath Bargined and Sold and by these presents doth bargain and Sell Alien Release deliver and confirm unto the said Georg Simmons Junr his Heirs and Assigns forever One cartain Track or parcil of Land containing one hundred forty Akers of Land being more or less being part of Track of Land Mathew Talbot sold to Thomas Wright lying and being in the Countey of Bedford and on both sides of Linvel Creeke and bounded as followeth Begining at a popler on the Branch on the West side of the said Creek thence along the Patron Line Bround the said Line crossing the head Branches of the said Linvels Creek to a Corner White Oak on the dividing, thence along the said dividing Line to the first Begining. Together with all and Singler the Priveledges and Appertanas therunto blonging or in anay wise appertaining To have and to hold the above sold Land and premises to him the said Geog Simmons Junr his Heirs and Asigns forever To have hold use Ocupy prossess and Injoy the same with everey part and parcil therof to him the said Georg Simmons Junr his Heirs and Asigns forever Agnst him the said Thomas Wright his or Asigns and Agnst the Clams and Demand of all other persons Whatsoever. In Witness whereof he the said Thomas Wright hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered In presence

his
Thomas 0 Wright
mark

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of January 1785. This Indenture was Acknowledged by Thomas Wright party thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste,
Ja Steptoe C.B.C"

The 1785 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

Person Names	Total Tithes	Tax on Covg Horses	Whites over 21 Years	Blacks over 16 Years	Blacks under 16
Thomas Wright	1		1		

Total Blacks	Horses	Nett Cattle	No Wheals Ridg Carriages	Ordinary Licenses
	2	4		

Since Thomas Wright was listed on the Land Tax List for 1785, this listing in the Personal Property Tax List was probably for him.

The 1785 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Landholder	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1__ pr___
Thomas Wright	140	4	28.	8.43

This record reflects the net purchase of 140 acres of land by Thomas Wright in 1784 by Bedford County Deeds 7/484 and 7/445.

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright and listed only Thomey Wright, who was 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County, the son of 1803 John Wright of Bedford County.

The land owned by 1849 Thomas Wright on Linvil Creek was located in the part of Bedford County which became a part of Franklin County when that county was formed in 1785. His land should have been taxed in Franklin County after 1785, but it took several years for the records to be corrected.

The 1786 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Land Holders	Quantity of Acres	Average price pr Acre	Amount Valuation	Tax at 1¼ pr Cent
Thos Wright	140	4.	28.	8.4½

The 1786 Personal Property Tax List and 1786 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The 1787 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land Per Acre
Thomas Wright			140	4.0

Total Amount of Value of Land Exclusive of Lots	Amount of Tax at one & a half Per Cent
28.0.0	8.4¾

The 1787 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on March 31:

		Whites Over 21	Whites Under 21
March 31	Thomas Wright	1	0

Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16	Horses	Cattle
0	0	2	7

The 1787 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The 1788 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Lots	Yearly rent of lots	Quantity of land per acre	rates of land per acre
Thomas Wright			140	4.

Total amount of Value of land exclusive of lots	Amount of Tax at one and half per Cent
28.00	8.4¾

The 1788 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on July 1:

		Whites Over 16	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12	Horses
July 1	Thomas Wright	1	0	0	2

The 1788 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres of Land	Price p Acre	Amount	Taxes
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.5.6

The 1789 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on August 25:

		16/ Whites	16 B	12Do	Horses
August 25	Thomas Wright	1	0	0	2

The 1789 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Qty. Acres	Average Price	Amount	Taxes
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.3.6

The 1790 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on April 5:

		Whites	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16
April 5	Thomas Wright	1	0	0

Horses	Studs	£ S D
0	2	0 2 0

The 1790 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Average Price	Amount
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0

The 1791 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on April 14:

		Whites	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16
April 14	Thomas Wright	1	0	0

Horses	Stud Horses	£ S D
2	0	0 1 0

The 1791 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Average Price	Total Amount	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	

The 1792 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on July 17:

Date Of Receiving Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Taxes	Whites	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12
July 17	Thomas Wright	1	0	0

Horses	Stud Horses	Amount of Taxes £ S D
2	0	0 1 0

The 1792 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Quantity of Land	Rate of Land p Acre	Total Amount of Vallue of Land	Amount of Taxes @ 7/6
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.1.3-1/2

The 1793 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

	Persons Names	Whites	B a 16	B u 16	Hors	Studs
July 8	Thomas Wright	1	-	-	4	-

The 1793 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Acre	Avarig	Total Amount	Taxes
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	0.0.10-1/2

The 1794 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Blacks 16 to 12	Horses
August 9	Thomas Wright	1	-	-	1

Stud Horses	£ S D
-	- - 9

The 1794 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names	Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	0.0.10-1/2

The 1795 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on May 27:

	Persons Names	Whites	Blacks	Blacks	Horses	Tax
May 27	Thomas Wright	1	1	-	2	- - 8

The 1795 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Owning Land	Quant of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	0.0.10-1/2

The 1796 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wrigh with the following property:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks 0. 16	Blacks u 16	Horses
April 9	Thomas Wrigh	1	-	-	5

Studs	£ S D
-	- 1 8

The 1796 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Numr of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	0.0.10-1/2

The 1797 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on April 1:

	Persons Names	White Persons	Blacks 0 16	Blacks U 16	Horses	Studs
April 1	Thomas Wright	2	-	-	4	

The listing of two white tithes in the Thomas Wright household for the first time in 1797 indicates that his oldest son was probably born before April 1, 1781, and as will be set forth below, that son was 1829 Joseph F. Wright of St. Louis County, Missouri, who was born on January 22, 1781.

The 1797 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	Taxes
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	07.10.0	0.0.10-1/2

The 1798 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on May 19:

	Persons Names	White Tythes	Blacks Over	Blacks Under 16
May 19	Thomas Wright	2	-	-

Horses	Stud Horses	License	D C
4	-	-	- 36

The 1798 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valluation	D C 38 Cts
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.22

The 1799 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on May 6:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16
May 6	Thomas Wright	2	-	-

Horses	Studs	Licenses	D C
4	-	-	- 48

The 1799 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Value of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C @ 48 Cts
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.28

The 1800 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household:

		White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16
Apr 5	Thomas Wright	3	-	-

Horses	Stud Horses	Rates p person	License	Dollars Cents
5	-	-	-	- 60

On April 7, 1800, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 4/72 Thomas Wright purchased 340 acres of land from Thomas and Tabitha Charter:

"This Indenture made the Seventh day of April one Thousand Eight hundred Between Thomas Charter and Tabitha his wife of the one part and Thomas Wright of the Other Part Witnesseth they the said Thomas Charter and Tabitha his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred and three pounds Current Money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Wright the Receipt whereof they the said Thos Charter and Tabitha his wife doth acknowledge have Bargand and sold unto the said Thomas Wright one Certain Tract or parsel of land lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Linvels Creek Containing Three hundred and Forty acrees be the same more or less and bouned as Follows (to wit) Begining at a white oak N. 20 West fifty two poles to a White oak N 4 E. Seventy two poles to a White oak N 55 E one hundred and fourteen poles to a White N 40 W Fifty two poles to a white oak E 58 poles to a White oak N 72 E Fifty five poles to a White N. 25 E Fifty two poles to a white oak N. 45 W one hundred and Sixty poles to pains line along his line N 73 W twenty two poles to a Chesnut S 50 W one hundred and Sixteen poles to a hickory S 10 E. one hundred poles to red oak S. 55 W thirty Eight poles to a white oak thence along anew Divideing line two hundred and forty two poles to the begining to have and to hold the same Granted land and Premises with all the appertainances thereunto belonging to him the said Thomas Wright and his Heirs or assigns for Ever and we said Thomas Charter and Tabitha his wife doth For our Selves and our heirs Warrant and for Ever Defend the said land and Premises unto the said Thomas Wright his Heirs or assigns for ever from any person or Persons from laying any Just Right or Claim to said land in Witness whereof we do hereunto set our hands and Seals the day and year first above written

Thomas Charter
Tabith Charter

At a Court held for Franklin County in april 1800.

This Indenture was ackd. by the within named Thomas Charter to be his act & Deed and Tqabitha the wife being privily Examined Relinquished her right of

Dowor in to the within mentioned land and premises & the same was ordered to be Recorded by the Court

Teste
Ja. Callaway Clk"

The 1800 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	Number of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.28
Same for Thos Charter	340	0.2.0	34.0.0	0.56

This record reflects the purchase of 340 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 4/72.

The 1801 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, did not list a Thomas Wright.

The 1801 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.28
Same	340	0.2.0	34.0.0	0.56

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on March 19:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Over 12 & Under 16
March 19	Thomas Wright	2	-	-

Horses &c &c &c	Stud Horses	Rates p Season	Store License	Dollars Cents
4	-	-	-	- 48

The 1802 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.28
Same	340	0.2.0	34.0.0	0.56

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following household on April 4:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	Blacks Under 16 & Over 12
April 4	Thomas Wright	2	-	-

Horses, Mares & Colts	Stud Horses	Rate per Season	Merchant License	Dollar Cents
4	-	-	-	- 48

The 1803 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.2.6	17.10.0	0.28
Same	340	0.2.0	34.0.0	0.56

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Re-ceiving lists	Persons Names Owning Property	White Tithes	Blacks Ov 16	Blacks 12 & 16
May 5	Thomas Wright	1	-	-

Horses	Stud Horses	Rate per Season	Merchant License	Taxes
3	-	-	-	- 36

The 1804 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names Owning Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	Tax D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

	Persons Names	White Tithes	Blacks Over 16	B under 16 & O. 12
April 15	Thomas Wright	1	-	-

Horses	Studs	Rate per Season	Merchant License	Taxes
5	-	-	-	- 60

The 1805 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

date of B under Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property	White tithes	B: Over 16	16 & over 12
Ap 7	Thomas Wright	1	-	-

Horses	Studs	Rate per Season	Merchant License	Tax
6	-	-	-	- 72

The 1806 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres Land	Amt of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1807 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amt of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

date of Rec Lists	Persons Names that own Property	Whites	B over 16	Blacks over 12
	Thomas Wright	1	1	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
6	-	-	-	1 16

The 1809 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Acres	Amt of One Acer	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Names that own Property	Whites	Black over 16	B over 12 & under 16
	Thomas Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
6	-	-	-	- 72

The 1810 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Land	Amot of One Acre	Amount Of Vallueation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1810 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed one Thomas Wright with the following members of his household:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Thomas Wright	1	45+	1	45+		
	1	10-16	3	16-26		
	2	0-10	1	10-16		

This record indicates that Thomas Wright and his wife were born before 1765.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receivg Lists	Persons Names that Own Property	White tithes	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks over 12 & under 16 years
Aprl 1	Thomas Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax D C
3	-	-	-	- 36

The 1811 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	0.42	58.34	0.28
Same	340	0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks under 16 & over 12
	Thomas Wright	2	1	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
6	-	-	-	1 16

The 1812 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	A Description and Situation of Each Tract of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	on Linville	0.42	58.34	0.28
Ditto	340		0.34	113.34	0.56

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

___	Persons Names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16
	Thomas Wright	2	1	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
6	-	-	-	1 55

The 1813 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Description & Situation of Each Tract	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Thomas Wright	140	Linvill	0.42	58.34	0.37
Same	340		0.34	113.34	0.76

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

____	Persons names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16	Blacks 12 & under 16
	Thomas Wright	2	1	1

Horses	Griss Merchant Mills ____	Rent	Saw Mills	Rent	Forges	Valu-ation
6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cariages	Valu-ation	Stud Horses	Rate per Season ___	Valu-ation ___
-	-	-	-	- - -

Valu-ation	Free negroes & Mulatoes	Merchant License	___	___
-	-	-	-	2 84

The 1814 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Thomas Wright	in Franklin	fee Simple		
Same	" "	" "		

Yearly Rent of Lots ___	Amount of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Lots ___	Description of Land ___
		140	Linville
		340	Joining

Distance & Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Valua-tion of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Total Amount of Tax on Land and Lots	Explanation of Alterations During the Preceding Year
20N	.42	58.34	.49	.49	
20N	.34	113.34	.96	.96	

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons Names Charged with the Tax	No of white males above 16 years old
_ 3	Thomas Wright	2

Slaves				Stud Horses			
over 9 and und 12 years old	over 12 years old	above 16 years old	Horses Mules mares & Colts	No	Rate of Covering mares	no of head of Cattle
	1	1	6			19

Carrages					
2 wheel riding Carrages	Pheatons & Stage Waggons	Publick Stages	all other 4 Wheel Carrag	Mills	Tole bridges & Ferrys

Tax Yeards	Free Male negros above 16 & under 45 years old	Watches			Livery Stables	Houses in the Cuntry
		Silver	Single Case Gold	Double Case Gold		

Ice House		Clocks				
for private use	from Which Ice is Sold	Works of Wood W out Case	Works of Wood With Case	Works of Metal	of Vallu between 50 & 100	over $100

		Furniture				
Coal Pitts	Printers	Bureau & Bed Steds of Mahogany	Picturs & Glasses	Bureau & Book Cases	Total Pitchers and Decanters	Amount of Tax D C
						2.75½

The 1815 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	fee Simple	140	Linvill
Same	Same	Same	340	Joining

Distance an Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Valluation of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
20N	.42	58.34	.49	
20N	.34	113.34	.96	

The will of 1815 Joseph Wright dated February 21, 1815, and probated on September 11, 1815, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Book A/15 listed Thomas Wright as one of his children:

> . . . . 5thly I give and bequeath to my three eldest sons, Thomas, John & Joseph Wright and to my five daughters, Mary Greer, Agness Mayse, Judith McCormack, Patsy Mayse & Barsheba Simmons, and to the Heirs of my Daughter Nancy Meadors, decd. one hundred and fifty acres of Land in Franklin County, whereon my son Joseph Wright now lives . . . ."

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons Names Chargeable the Tax	No of white males above 16 years old
_ 27	Thomas Wright	1

no of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No $ Cts	2 wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $100	Exceeding in Vallue $100
1	7	-	-	-

Phaetons Slay Waggons & harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Exceeding in Vallue $200	Coaches & Harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Taxes $ Cts	
-	-	-	-	1.96	

The 1816 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	140	Linvill
Ditto	"	in fee	340	Joining

Distance an Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Valluation of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
20N	.42	58.34	.44	
20N	.34	113.34	.86	

Thomas Wright, the son of 1815 Joseph Wright, obtained two parcels of land from his father's estate. The first was Lot number 5 in the Division and Allotment at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/255 dated June 22, 1816, consisting of 89 acres in Bedford County, the legal description of which was as follows:

> "Lot No. 5. 89 acres in Bedford County Begining at points north 5 East 90 poles to a red oak north 75 West 76 poles to a Red oak north 42 West 41 poles to a white oak West 32 poles to a white oak South 15 West 112 poles to pointers north 83 East 22 poles to a pine South 14 West 28 poles to a white oak north 88 East 110 poles to the Begining."

The second was Lot No. 1 in the Division and Allotment at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/262 dated August 22, 1816, consisting of 14 acres:

> "Lot No. 1 Containing 14 acres Begining at a red oak Stump on Stanton River off South 53 East 66 poles to a Hicory South 15 East 60 poles to a pine off Dividing Line North 44 West 128 poles to a white oak on the Said river thence Down the Same as it Meanders to the Begining."

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr. with the following property:

Date of Receiving lists from individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
March 3	Thomas Wright Sr.	1

No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of head of Horses	Stud Horses No of	Stud Horses Rate per Season	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Exceeding in Vallue $100
1	5	-		-	-

Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Exceeding in Vallue $200	Coaches & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Coaches & Harness Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	1.60	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Thomas Wright		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of of on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		89	on the same adj Right Wright

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land Pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land@ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
	2.00	178.00	1.33		

This record reflects the allotment of 89 acres of land to Thomas Wright by Bedford County W.B. 4/255.

The 1817 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	140	Linville
Ditto	"	in fee	340	Joining
Ditto	"	in fee	330	Linville
Ditto	"	in fee	14	Stanton

Distance& Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	_____
20N	.42	58.34	.44	
20N	.34	113.34	.86	
20N	.21	104.15	.79	Deed from Payne
20NE	.74	10.26	.18	Legacy from J. Wright

This record incorrectly charged Thomas Wright for 330 acres of land purchased by his son Thomas Anthony Wright. The tax list was corrected the next year. This record correctly reflects the allotment of 14 acres of land to 1849 Thomas Wright from the estate of 1815 Joseph Wright and clearly identifies this Thomas Wright as the son of 1815 Joseph Wright.

On October 25, 1817, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/261 Thomas Wright and Phebe, his wife, sold to Joshua Nobles the 89 acres of Lot number 5 from the Division and Allotment in Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/255:

> "This Indenture made this 25th day of October one thousand eight hundred & seventeen Between Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife of Franklin County of the one part, & Joshua Nobles of the county of Bedford of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife for & in consideration of the sum of five hundred & seven Dollars & fifty cents current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath this day bargained & sold & by these presents doth bargain & sell alien enfeeof release deliver & confirm unto the said Joshua Nobles his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land containing Eighty nine acres be the same more or less lying & being & being in the county of Bedford lying between Stanton & Beaverdam & bounded as followeth Viz Begining at Pointers N 5 E 90 poles to a red oak N 75 W 76 poles to red oak N 42 W 41 poles to a white oak West 32 poles to a white oak S 15 W 112 poles to pointers N 83 E 22 poles to a pine S 14 to a White Oak N 88 E 110 poles to the begining, together with all the appertenances priviledges the reversion and revertions the remainder & remainders & every part and parcel thereto belonging or in any wise appurtaining To have & to hold the above granted Land & premises unto the said Joshua Nobles his heirs & assigns forever, and the said Thomas Wright & his wife Phebe, doth for themselves their heirs and assigns covenant & agree to & with said Nobes his heirs and assigns that they the sd. Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife & their heirs the above granted Land & premises in an indefeasable fee simple Estate unto the said Joshua Nobles his heirs & assigns from the claim or demand of all & every person or persons whatsoever shall & will by these presents warrant & forever defend. In Witness whereof the said Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day & date first above written.
>
> Thomas Wright
> Phebe Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of October 1817.

This Indenture of bargain & sale between Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife of the one part and Joshua Nobles of the other, was acknowledged by the said Thomas Wright & Phebe his wife, the said Phebe being first privily examined according to Law voluntarily relinquished her right of Dower in & to the land & premises conveyed by this Indenture which is ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
J. Steptoe C.B.C."

This record identifies the wife of Thomas Wright, the son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County, as Phebe (____) Wright.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
March 2	Thomas Wright	1

No Slaves over 16 yrs old	No Slaves over 12 & under 16 yrs old	Studs Rate No per of Season	2 wheel riding Carages Not exceeding in Vallu $100	Exceeding in Value $100
1	-	2 -	-	-

Phaetons & Stage Waggons not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Exceeding in Vallu $200	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	1.06	

The 1818 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	140	Linville
Ditto	"	in fee	340	Joining
Ditto	"	in fee	14	Staunton

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land
20N	.42	58.34	.44
20N	.34	113.34	.86
25NE	.74	10.26	.08

On July 30, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/438 Thomas Wright purchased a lot of land in Hardysville from Robert and Mary Hardy:

> "This Indenture made this 30th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen between Robert Hardy and Mary his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Thomas Wright of the County of Franklin and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Robt Hardy and Mary his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fifty Five Dollars Currency of the United States to them in hand paid by the Said Thomas Wright the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged by the Said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife, who hath Granted, Bargained & Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain Sell & Confirm unto the Said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns forever one Lott of Ground in the Town of Hardysville on Staunton River in Bedford County Containing one half Acre and Known in the plan and Map of Said Town by Lott No 27 To have and to hold the aforesaid Lott of Ground in the Town aforesaid with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the Said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the Said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife for themselves and their heirs doth Covenant and agree to forever Warrant and Defend the aforesaid Lott of Ground with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the Said Thomas Wright his heirs & assigns forever against the Claims and demands of all persons whatsoever Reserving however for the benefit of the inhabitants of Said Town forever hereafter the priviledge of Getting water for use out of any Spring on the aforesaid Lott In witness whereof

the said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their Seals the day and year first above written

Robt Hardy
Mary Hardy

Bedford County to Wit

Mr William Shrewsbury and Laurence McGeorge magistrates of the Said County do hereby Certify that Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife parties to the within Conveyance have duly acknowledged the Same before us on the 15th day of August in the year 1818 and desired us do Certify the Said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the Said Conveyance may be Recorded as Witness our hands & Seals.

Wm Shrewsbury
Laurence McGeorge

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury and Laurence McGeorge Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Mary Hardy wife of Robt Hardy parties to a Certain deed for the Conveyance of real estate to Thomas Wright bearing date on the 30th of July 1818 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the Said Mary Hardy acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared the Same and that She Wished not to retract it Given under our hands & Seals this 15th Augt 1818

Wm Shrewsbury
Laurence McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of August 1818 This indenture of bargain & Sale between Robert Hardy and Mary his wife of the One part, and Thomas Wright of the other was Certified by two magistrates and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
J. Steptoe C.B.C"

On August 20, 1818, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 15/570 Robert and Mary Hardy quit claimed certain interest in the Town of Hardysville to the inhabitants of the town, including Thomas Wright:

> "This Indenture made this 20th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen between Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Thomas Bandy Randolph Abshire Joseph Cook Andrew Short John Gish Jacob Gish Matthew Pate John Pate John Ruddell Michael Ruddell Jacob Cook Henry Payne George Gish Junr John Beckner Jacob Beckner James B Scott Joseph Beckner Peter Moore David H. Gish John Fouts Daniel Spickard Mark Payne Thomas Wright Jacob Kefauver Joseph Duckwiller Samuel Bandy Isaac James Christian Gish Matthew and John Wright Peter Gast(?) Christian Curtis Edmund Pate George Sense Nathan Board Silas Taylor James Stuart Junr John Payne Isham Payne Edmund McGeorge Elias James Edmund G Hannan(?) Frederick Gast(?) Sally B Hardy Polly Hardy Jonithan Hardy Robert Hardy Junr Joseph Hardy & nancy Hardy purchasers and owners of Lots in the town of Hardysvill on Staunton River in the County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the said Robert Hardy in Laying off the town aforesaid Caused the streets to be laid out sixty feet wide the alleys thirty feet Wide & a Space or Common between the lawn and the river at Least Sixty feet Wide in the narrowest place and in many places Considerably upwards of sixty feet Wide which Streets alleys & Space or Common between the town and the river were laid out and given up to the paidchursers and owners of Lots in the town aforesaid for their Joint benefit & Convenience and whereas douts have arisen as to the sufficiency of the deeds executed by the Said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife to the said Thomas Bandy Randolph Absher & others above named for the lots by them purchased Owing to the emersion of the Streets Allies & Space or common between the town and the river in said deeds Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife for and in Consideration of the respective sums Expressed in each of their deeds of Conveyance to the said Thomas Bandy Randolph Absher & other above named hath given granted and released and by these presents doth give grant & release unto the said Thomas Bandy Randolph Absher & others above named their heirs executors & administrators and assigns forever all right title Interest & Claims that they the said Robert Hardy and Mary his wife hath in and to the aforesaid Streets allies and Space or Common between the town and River aforesaid Excepting the rights and priviledges in the said Streets allies and Space between the Said Town & River in Common With all the owners of Lots in the town aforesaid and the said Robert Hardy and Mary his wife doth hereby declare themselves their heirs executors & administrators to be Completely divested of all right Title Interest & Claim to the Streets allies and Space or Common between the town & River aforesaid further than the right in Common with other owners of Lots in the said Town and they do hereby Covenant and agree to forever warrant and defend the aforesaid Streets allies and Space or Common

between the town & River aforesaid with all the priviledges & appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Thomas Bandy Randolph Absher and others above named their heirs Executors Administrators or assigns forever for the joint Benefit & Covenience of all Lott Owners in the town aforesaid against the just Claims & demands of all persons Whatsoever Reserving to themselves their heirs Executors administrators and assigns their rights & priviledges in the streets allies & Space or Common between the town & River aforesaid in Common with other owners of Lots in said town In Witness whereof the said Robt Hardy and Mary his Wife hath hereunto Set their hands & Seals the day and year above written.

Signd Seald and delivd) Robert Hardy
in presence of) Mary Hardy
Berry Corley

Bedford County to Wit

We William Shrewsbury & Lau: McGeorge magistrates of said County do hereby Certify that Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife Parties to the Within Conveyance have duly acknowledged the same before us on the 27th day of March in the year 1819 & desired us to Certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said Conveyance may be recorded as Witness our hands and Seals.

Wm Shrewsbury
Lau: McGeorge

Bedford County to Wit:

We William Shrewsbury & Lau: McGeorge Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Mary Hardy wife of Robt. Hardy parties to a Certain deed for the Conveyance of real Estate to Thomas Bandy Randolph Absher Joseph Cook Andrew Short John Gish Jacob Gish Matthew Pate John Pate John Ruddell Michael Ruddell Jacob Cook Henry Payne George Gish Junr John Beckner Jacob Beckner James B Scott Joseph Becner Peter Moore David H Gish John Fouts Daniel Spickard Mark Payne Thomas Wright Jacob Kefauver Joseph Duckwiller Samuel Bandy Isaac James Christian Gish Matthew and John Wright Peter Gast(?) Christian Curtis Edmund Pate George Sense Nathan Board Silas Taylor James Stuart Jr John Payne Isham Payne Edmund McGeorge Elias James Edward G Hannon _____ bearing date the 20th day of August 1818 and hereto annexed Personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the said Mary Hardy acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and

declared that She willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 27th day of March 1819

William Shrewsbury
Lau: McGeorge

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of April 1819 This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Robert Hardy and Mary his Wife of the one part and Thomas Bandy & others of the other was Certified by two magistrates & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jn Steptoe CBC"

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright S with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individ	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
1	Thomas Wright S	3	1

No of Slaves above 12 & under 16 years of age	Stude Horses			2 wheel Riding Carrages	
	No of Horses	No of Studes	Rate per Season	Not exceeding in Vallue $100	Exceeding in Vallue $100
-	4	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons		Clocks			
Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Exceeding in Vallue $200	Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	1.42	

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Frank with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Thomas Wright Frank		fee	1	Hardy

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
1.50	.12		

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land	Total Amount P Acre	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ of Lands	P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
			.12		

This record reflects the purchase of the lot in Hardysville by Bedford County Deed 15/438 The reference to "Frank" identifies this Thomas Wright as the Thomas Wright then residing in Franklin County.

The 1819 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	140	Linville
Ditto	"	"	340	Joining
Ditto	"	"	14	Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
20N	.42	58.34		
20N	.34	113.36		
25NE	.74	10.26		

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Senr with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
March 6	Thomas Wright Senr	3	1

		Stude Horses		2 wheel Riding Carrages	
No of Slaves above 12 & under 16s years of age	No of Horses	No of Studes	Rate per Season	Not exceeding in Vallue $100	Exceeding in Vallue $100
1	6	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons		Clocks			
Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Exceeding in Vallue $200	Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	1.18	

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Lotts	No. of Lotts in plan of Town
Thomas Wright	Franklin	1	

Value of Lotts	Sum added to the Lotts on account of Buildings	Names of Town	Tax on Lotts
		pr view	.06

The 1820 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sen	Franklin	in fee	480	Linville
Ditto	"	"	14	Stanton

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the on account of the Below	Total Vallue	Amount of Tax upon Land	Remarks
20 Miles N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	2.40	
" " NE	6.00		84.00	.11	

This record reflects the consolidation of the two Linville Creek parcels into a single parcel of 480 acres.

The 1820 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr.(?) with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Thomas Wright Sr.(?)	1	45+	1	26-45
	2	16-26		
	1	16-18		

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture

Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age

All Other Persons

The absence of a female over 45 years of age indicates that Phebe (____) Wright had probably died before 1820.

On August 31, 1820, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 9/123 Thomas Wright of Franklin County sold the 14 acres of Lot number 1 from the Division and Allotment of Bedford County W.B. 4/262 to William Drake:

> "This Indenture made this thirty first day of August 1820 between Thomas Wright of the County of Franklin of the one part and William Drake of the other part witnesseth, That the said Thomas Wright for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five Pound ten shillings current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said William Drake the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give grant, bargain and sell unto the said William Drake one certain Lott or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Franklin on the waters of Staunton River containing Fourteen Acres be the same more or less, and bounded as followeth to wit, Begining at a Red Oak Stump on said River, off South 53 East 66 poles a Hickory, South 15 East 60 poles to a pine, off dividing line North 44 West 128 poles to a White Oak on the said River Thence down the same as it meanders to the Begining To have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises to him the said William Drake his heirs and assigns forever and I the said Thomas Wright do for myself and my heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns hereby warrant and forever defend a good and lawful right and title of the aforesaid land and premises unto him the said William Drake his heirs and assigns against him and his heirs and against the lawful claim or demand of all persons whatever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written
>
> Thomas Wright
>
> At a Court held for Franklin County September 4" 1820
>
> The Indenture of Bargain and sale between Thomas Wright of the one part, and William Drake of the other part, was acknowledged by the said Thomas Wright and the same was ordered to be recorded.
>
> Teste,
> Caleb Tate, C.F.C."

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Feb 5	Thomas Wright Sr	1	6

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding and Harness		Phaetons & Stage Wagons & Harness	
No.	Dollars Cts	Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Vallue of $100	Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	above the Vallue of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrages & Harness			
Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue $300	Amount of Tax	
-	-		

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether In fee simple or for Life	Number of town lotts	Names of Towns
Thomas Wright	Frank	fee	1	Hardy's Ville

Value of Buildings	Value of lots including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of town lots	Explanation of alterations during preceeding year
			.06	

The 1821 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Numr of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	in fee	480	Linvill

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amount of Tax at the Rate of	Explanation __ during the Pre-ceding Year
20 Miles N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.73	

This record reflects the sale of 14 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 9/123.

The marriage bond of Thomas Wright and Susanna Pasley, daughter of Robert Pasley, Sr., was dated on March 10, 1821, at Franklin County, Virginia, with Citizen S. Woods as surety:

"Mr Caleb Tate
Sir

as Mr Thomas Wright and My Daughter Susanna Pasley Desires To be Joined in holy Wedlock Together I have No Objection against your Granting him a Licence So To do as She is of Lawful Age - Given Under my hand This 7th day of march 1821

Robert Pasley Senr.

Know all men by these Presents that we Thomas Wright and Citizen S Woods are held and firmly bound unto Thomas M Randolph esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of One hundred and fifty dollars Current money of the united States to the payment Whereof Well and truly to be made to the Said Governor and his Successors for the use of the Commonwealth, we bind ourselves and each of us Our and each of Our heirs executors and

administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents Sealed With Our Seals and dated this 10th day of March 1821

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that Whereas the above named Thomas Wright hath this day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin a Licience for his Intermarriage with Susanna Pasley of the Said County: now if there Shall be no lawful Cause to obstruct the Said marriage, then the above obligation to be Void else to remain in full force & Virtue

Witness
J Heitt

Thomas his X mark Wright

C S Woods"

This record indicates that Thomas Wright's first wife Phebe (____) Wright had died before March 6, 1821.

The marriage record of Thomas Wright and Susanna Parsley was dated on March 22, 1821, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Marriage To Witt

. . . .
March 22d Thomas Wright & Susanna Parsley . . . ."

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
April 1	Thomas Wright Sr	2	5

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harndss		Phaetons & Stage wagons & harness	
No.	Dollars Cts	Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	above the Value of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness			
Not exceeding in Value $300	above the Value of $300	Amount of Tax	
-	-	1.73½	

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of lots	No. of Lots in plan of Town	Value of of lott
Thomas Wright	Frank	1		

Sum added to the lots on acct of the buildings thereon	Name yearly Rent of town lots
	H Ville .06

The 1822 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	in fee	480	Linville

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including the Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of the Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amt of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 Miles N	4.00		1920.00	1.73	

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr. with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
March 3	Thomas Wright Sr	2	4

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harness		Phaetons & Stage waggons & Harness	
No.	D C	Not exceeding in Vallue $100	Exceeding in Vallue $100	Not exceeding in Vallue $200	exceeding in Vallue $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	1.42

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No. of Town Lots	Name of Town
Thomas Wright	Frank	1		

Value of lots including the Buildings	Yearly Rent
	.06

The 1823 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Senr with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate whether held for life or in fee	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Thomas Wright Senr	Franklin	in fee	480	Linville

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Buildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Buildings	Amount of tax on the value of	Explanation of alterations during the preceding Year
20 Miles N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright S with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Mar 1	Thomas Wright S	3	3

No. of Studs	Dollars	2 Wheel Riding Carrages	4 wheel Riding and Harness	Amount of Tax
-	-	-	-	1.77

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Thomas Wright	Franklin	fee	1	

Value of lots including the buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
		.06

The 1824 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Senr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Senr	Franklin	in fee	480	Linville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 Miles N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

On May 14, 1824, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 10/512 Thomas Wright acted as trustee for the land for a Methodist Episcopal Church:

> "This Indenture made this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, between Michael Hulls & Susannah his wife of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia of the one part - and Ransom Sutherl, Thomas Wright, Tyree G. Newbill in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned all of the County of Franklin in the state of Virginia aforesaid of the other part, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid, at and upon the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, release, confirm and convey unto them the said trustees and other sucessors in office for the use and purposes herein and after mentioned and declared at the estate right, title, interest, property, claim & demand whatsoever interfere, in law or equity, which he the said Michael Hulls & S. his wife or ayers into or upon all and singular a certain lot or peace of land situated lying and being in the County of Franklin and state aforesaid, bounded and billed as follows to viz. Begining at a bunch of sourwood in Cockrans line, thence S 15 W 53 poles to a poplar in a branch, thence up the branch, S 45 E 10 poles to a dogwood thence N 50 E 2 poles to a rock N 43 W 2 poles to a rock S 47 W 1 pole to an ash, S 45 W 8 poles to a green bush, thence N 15 E 18 poles to a

gum N 55 E 14 poles to a red oak N 27 W 12 poles to a chesnut oak, S 63 W 12 poles to the begining, containing and laid out for ____ acres more or less of land, together with all and singular, the houses, woods, waters, ways, priviledges, appertains thereunto To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and discribed lot or piece of land, situated and lying and being as aforesaid, together with all and singular, the houses woods, waters, ways, priviledges thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto thense the said trustees and their successors in office forever, in trust, that they shall erect and build or cause to be erected & built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the methodist E Church in the United States of America according to the rules and dicipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and preachers of the said Church at the general conference in the United States of America and in further trust and confidence, that shall at all times forever hereafter permit such ministers and preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time be duly authorised by the general conference of the ministers and preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or by the annual conferences authorized by the said general conferences to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein. And the said Michael Hulls & S. his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and singular the before mentioned and delivered lot or piece of land, with the appertainances thereto belonging to them the said trustees and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him the said Michael Hulls & S. his wife his heirs and assigns and from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof I the said Michael Hulls & Susannah his wife hath hereunto set our hand and seal this day and date first within writin

Signed, sealed, delivered in the presents of

his
Michael X Hulls
mark
Susannah X Hulls

Franklin County, to wit,

We Stephen Smith & Bernard G. Hendrick Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid & State of Va. do hereby certify that Michael Hulls Jr a party to the annexed deed of conveyance bearing date on the 14th day of May 1824, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin in order that the said deed may be recorded.

Given under our hands & seals this 14th May 1824

Ste. Smith
B. G. Hendrick

Franklin County, to wit,

We Stephen Smith & Bernard G. Hendrick, Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid & State of Va. do hereby certify that Susannah Hulls wife of Michael Hulls parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th May 1824 & hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid & being by us examined, privately & apart from her husband & having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Susannah Hulls acknowledged the same to be her act & deed & declared that she had willingly signed, seald & deliverd the same & that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 14th May 1824.

Ste. Smith
B. G. Hendrick

At the Clerks Office of the County Court of Franklin the 20th day of May 1824

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Michael Hulls Jr and Susannah his wife of the one part, and Ransom Sutherland, Thomas Wright and Tyree G. Newbill, Trustees for the purposes herein expressed of the other part was exhibited, and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,
Caleb Tate C.F.C."

On about February 7, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Thomas Wright, Sr., filed his answer to the complaint of Peter Dent for land due to him from the estate of Joseph Wright stating that he had conveyed his interest to Peter Dent:

"The joint answers of Joseph Wright Wright Wright Thomas Wright William McCormick & Judy his wife & Mary Greer by her agent and attorney in fact Green B. Greer as appears by the records of Franklin County to wit: to a Bill Exhibited against them and others in Bedford County court by Peter Dent these respondents, saving to themselves the benefit of exceptions to the sd Bill for answer say

That Peter Dent is entitled to the Land in the Bill mentioned and ought to have a title for the same that the Respondents Joseph Wright, Thomas Wright & William McCormack & his wife Judy have conveyed their interest in the same to the sd Dent before the suit by sd Dent was instituted and ought therefor to have their costs that the Respondent Mary Greer was willing to have conveyed the same but was out of the country that her husband is dead and she is willing to such decree as will vest her right & Interest in the same in the sd Peter Dent and having fully answered pray to be dismissed with their costs &c

Thomas Wright Sr
William Mcomak
Joseph Wright
Greer B Greer
Agent as Attey in fact
for Mary Greer
Rite Wright

Franklin County Sct.

Thomas Wright in the annexed answer named appeared personally before me Sparrel Hale justice of the peace for sd County & made oath that the matters therein contained are true as far as they depend upon his own knowledge and that so far as they depend upon knowledge derived from others he believes them to be true

Given under my hand this 7th day day of Feby 1824

Spl Hale"

The identification of Thomas Wright, Sr., of Franklin County as the son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County is additional confirmation that 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County was the son of 1815 Joseph Wright.

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With the Tax	Blacks over 12	Horses mares Colts & Mules
Feb 26	Thomas Wright Sr	3	3

Amount of Tax	Carriages & Stallions	Remarks
1.77		

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Thomas Wright	Franklin	fee	1	

Value of lots including the buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
		.06

The 1825 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	in fee	480	Linville

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 Miles N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date of recg lists from Individuals	Names of persons Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12	Horses &c
March 27	Thomas Wright Sr	4	6

Stallions Carriages &c ___	Amt of Tax	Proof
-	2.60	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Thomas Wright	Frank	fee	1	

Value of lots including buildings __	Yearly Rentes	Tax	Remarks
		.06	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee __	Number of Acres of Land	Descrip-tion of the Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	in fee	480	Lynville

Distance and bear-ing from the Court House __	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax ____

On August 24, 1826, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 20/173 Thomas Wright and others joined in selling a parcel of land to Peter Dent:

> "This Indenture made this 24 day of Augt 1826, between Nathaniel Chapman Sr Thomas Melson, William Leftwich, Richard Hobson, John Ayers, James Coalman Simon Miller and Thomas Wright, all of the counties of Bedford & Franklin, and State of Virginia, of the one part, and Peter Dent, of the county of Bedford and State aforesaid, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars lawful money of Virginia, in hand paid to the said Nathaniel Chapman Sr Thomas Melson, William Leftwich, Richard Hobson John Ayers, James Coalman Simon Miller and Thomas Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained, sold, released, conveyed and confirmed unto the said Peter Dent, a certain lot or parcel of land, lying & being in the county of Bedford, on Linville road, & bounded as follows, to wit, beginig at a corner Stone 11° 1. S. 81. W. 70 yards to a corner Stone No. 1 S. 81 E 70 yards to a corner Stone No. 2: N 34 W. 70 yards to a corner Stone No. 3: N 81 E. 70 yards to a corner Stone No 4: S. 34 E. 70 yards to the beginning; to have and to hold the aforesaid lot or parcel of land, with the appurtenances thereof forever; In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands, and affixed our seals, the above day & year first above written
>
> signed, sealed & deli-vered in presence of
> Silas Taylor
> Jeremiah Adams
> Samuel H. Crenshaw
>
> Nathaniel Chapman
> Thomas Melson
> Wm Leftwich
> Richard Hobson
> John Ayers
> Thomas Wright
> Simon Miller
>
> At a Court held for Bedford county, at the Courthouse Aug 28th 1826. The preceeding Indenture was proved by Silas Taylor, a subscribing witness; and at a Court as aforesaid, Feby 25th 1827, it was further proved by Jeremiah Adams, a subscribing witness, and ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste
> J. C. Steptoe C.B.C."

Since 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County was the only Thomas Wright known to have been in Franklin County at the time the deed was signed, the Thomas Wright of Deed 20/173 was probably 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County.

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Feby 5	Thomas Wright	4	7

Stud Horses Carriages	The Amount of Tax	
-	2.72	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		
Thomas Wright	Frank		1	

Value of lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sen	Franklin	in fee	480	Linvill

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax	
20 N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

On August 2, 1827, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 12/27 Thomas Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Robert W. Payne to secure a debt due to Solomon Wright.

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Amount of Tax	
Feb 4	Thomas Wright	4	4	2.36	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		
Thos Wright	Franklin		1	

Value of lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Thomas Wright Sen	Franklin	in fee	480	Linvill

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

On October 6, 1828, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 12/292 Thomas Wright filed a bond for his ordination as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

"Know all men by these Presents that we Thomas Wright and Ransome Sutherland are held and firmly bound unto Wm B Giles Esquire Governor or chief magistrate of the CommonWealth of Virginia in the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars for the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each our Heirs executors and administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals & dated this 6" day of October 1828. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Thomas Wright hath this day produced to the County Court of Franklin a certificate from the Methodist Episcopal church of his being in regular communion with the said church, and also of his ordination to the ministry thereof, And thereupon on his application to the said Court they have this day granted him a Testimonial to celebrate the rites of matrimony in this State according to the forms and customs of the said church. Now if the said Thomas Wright do and shall truly and lawfully perform the Trust reposed in him in this behalf according to the law of this State and the forms and customs of the said Church then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain infull force & Virtue

Signed Sealed & Delivered In the presence of The Court
Witness

Thomas Wright
Ransom Sutherland
Solomon Pasly

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse the 6th day of October 1828 The foregoing Bond was acknowledged by the several Obligors hereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Caleb Tate CFC"

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date of Receiving list	Persons Names Charable With Tax	____	Negroes over 12	Horses &c &c &c
March 2	Thomas Wright Sr	5	-	5

_____	Amount of Tax	_____
-	2.50	

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	____
Thos Wright	Bedford	fee	1	

Value of lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
		.06	

The 1829 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether Fee for life &c	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Linville C

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Pr Acre including Buildings &c	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Improvements &c	Total Value of Land & Improvements	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 N	4.00	400.00	1920.00	1.54	

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Negroes over 12 years		
April 3	Thomas Wright Sr	5	-	-

Horses &c &c &c		Dollars Cents	Proff
5		2.15	

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
Thos Wright		fee	1	

Value of lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	
		.06	

The 1830 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Sen	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville C

Distance from C House	Bearing from C House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	N	4.00	400.00	1920.00

Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding Year
1.54	

The 1830 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed only a Thomas Wright, Sr., with the following members of his household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Thomas Wright Sr.	1	60-70	1	50-60
	1	5-10		

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
2	10-24	1	36-55				
1	0-10	2	10-24				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized
10					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates that Thomas Wright was born between 1760 and 1770 and that Susannah (Pasley) Wright was born between 1770 and 1780.

On March 5, 1830, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 13/386 1849 Thomas Wright purchased from Cornelius and Nancy Cooper and John and Ailey Harkrider their interest in the estate of Jacob Harkrider:

> "This Indenture made this 5th day of March in the year one Thousand Eight hundred & Thirty between Cornelius Cooper & Nancy his Wife of the State of Indiana and Hendricks County, John Harkrider and Ailey his Wife of The County of Franklin and State of Virginia. Witnesseth, that the said Cornelius Cooper and Nancy his wife, and John Harkrider and Ailey his wife for an in Consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars forty hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained sold and confirmed unto Thomas Wright Jr. all their right titles and claims in and to all rights and claims in the lands of Jacob Harkrider land decd lying and being in the County of Franklin on the Waters of Lynville Creek, and bounded as followeth, to wit Begining at said Wright's corner red Oak, thence crossing Lynville at the Laurel bank, thence along the said Wright's line to John Beard's line to a post Oak, thence taking the road to the said creek to a maple, along John Beard's line, thence down the creek to Beard's line, thence crossing the creek to B W Payne's line thence with Payne's line to the yellow Banks, thence with said Thomas Wrights line to the Begining. To have and to hold the above mentioned land and premises, unto the said Thomas Wright Jr. his heirs and assigns forever, from the claim or claims of them and

their heirs or assigns, and all and every person. As Witness our hands and seals the day and date above Written

Test
Stephen Booth
Mark Payne
R W Payne

Cornelius Cooper
his
John X Harkrider
mark
her
Ailey X Harkrider
mark

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse the 5th July 1830

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Cornelius Cooper and Nancy his wife and John Harkrider and Ailey his Wife of the one part, and Thomas Wright of the other part, was proved by the oath of Stephen Booth & Mark Payne two of the subscribing Witnesses - And at the Clerks Office of the said County Court the 3d day of September 1832 - This said Indenture was further proved by the Oath of Robert W. Payne the other Witness hereto and admitted to record.

Teste
Caleb Tate C.F.C.

On March 5, 1830, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 13/446 1849 Thomas Wright also purchased the interest of Judith Harkrider in the estate of Jacob Harkrider:

"This Indenture made this 5th day of march 1830 between Judith Harkrider of the one part and Thomas Wright Sr (Jr?) of one other part both of the County of Franklin, and state of Virginia, Witnesseth that the said Judith Harkrider for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy five Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold and Confirmed unto Thomas Wright, all her right title and claim in and to a certain tract of land lying and being the County aforesaid on the Waters of Linville Creek and bounded as followeth to wit by the lands of the said Thomas Wright Jr the land of John beard, the land of Jefferson Board the land Ro Payne the land of Thomas Wrights Jr it being the land owned by Jacob Harkrider. To have and to hold the above mentioned land and premises unto the said Thomas Wright Jr his heirs and assigns free from the claim of me my heirs and assigns and all and

every person claiming under me as witness my hand and seal this day and date above written.

signed sealed & deli-)
vered in the presence) Judith X Harkrider
of) her mark
Teste
Stephen Booth
John(?) Wheeler 22nd january 1833
Mark Payne
R W Payne

At a Court held for Franklin County at the courthouse the 5 day of July 1830 this Indenture of bargain and sale between Judith Harkrider of the one part and Thomas Wright senr of the other part was proved by the oath of Stephen Booth and Mark Payne two of the witnesses hereto - and at the clerks office of the said court the 22nd January 1833, this said Indenture was further proved, by the oath of John Wheeler another witness hereto and admited to record."

On July 5, 1830, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 13/359 1849 Thomas Wright purchased the interest of Cornelius and Nancy Cooper again:

"This Indenture made this fifth day of July in the year of our lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty between Cornelias Cooper and Nancy his Wife of the County of Hendricks & State of Indiana of the one part & Thomas Wright senr of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifty Dollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted and sold, and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell & convey unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever all their title interest and claim of in and to the real Estate of Jacob Harkrider as heirs at Law of said Estate being the lands farm and messuages of the said Jacob Harkrider and the premises of which he died seized lying and being in the County and state aforesaid on the waters waters of Linville Creek. And all the estate right, title and interest of the said party of the first part in and to the above bargained and described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the Hereditaments & appertenances as unto the same belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only property use and behoof of the said party, of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part for themselves their heirs and assigns forever do covenant grant & agree to and with the said party of the second part that they will, and that their heirs and assigns shall forever warrant and defend the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns for ever against the claims & demands of all manner of persons either at law or in equity - In Testamony

whereof the said Carnelius Cooper & Nancy his wife in Relinquishment of her right of Dower in and the aforesaid premises, have, hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first above written

Teste
Joel Nelson
David Curtis

Cornelius Cooper
her
Nancy X Cooper
mark

State of Indiana Hendrick County, T.W.

Be it Remembered that on this 5th day of July in the year AD. 1830 Personally came before us the undersigned acting Justices of the Peace in & for the the County aforesaid Cornelius Cooper and Nancy his wife the grantors named in the within Deed of conveyance and being examined agreeably to the statute in such case made and provided the said Nancy being examined seperate and apart from her husband, acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing Deed of conveyance to be their voluntary act and deed for the use and purpose therein contained - Given under hands and seals this 5th day of July 1830

Lewis Martin
Justice of the Peace
James Greer JP"

State of Indiana Hendricks County &c

I Levi Jessup clerk of the Hendricks Circuit do herereby Certify that Lewis Martin and James Greer Esquires his names appear to the foregoing Certificate of acknowledgement were at the time of taking the said acknowledgment acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County and that full faith & credit are due and of rights aught to be given to all his official acts as such Given under my hand as clerk of said Court at office in Danville the 12th day of July 1830.

Levi Jessup Clerk

Indiana To Wit
Fifth Judicial Circuit

I Bithuel F. Morris President Judge of the Hendricks Circuit Court within and for the County of Hendricks in the circuit aforesaid certify that Levi Jessup by whom the foregoing attestation was made was at the date thereof the clerk of the said Hendricks circuit Court within and for the county aforesaid and commissioned and sworn into office, that full faith and credit are due to his official act and that

his said certificate is in due form of law - Given under my hand at the circuit aforesaid this eight Day of November 1831

B. F. Morris

At a Court held for Franklin County at the courthouse the 6th day of August 1832

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Cornelius Cooper and Nancy his wife of the one part, and Thomas Wright senr. of the other part was exhibited into Court and together with the Certificates hereon endorsed or ordered to be recorded

Teste
Caleb Tate C.F.C

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Month Date	Names of Persons chargeable With Tax	Negroes over 12 years		
	Thomas Wright Sr	6	-	-

Horses Mules &c &c		Amount of	
5		1.80	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Estate	Liberty
Thos Wright	Bed	fee	1	

Value of lots Including the Buildings thereon	Yearly Rent	Tax on Lots	
		.06	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Sen	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville C
"	"	"	90	
"	"	"	51	

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	N	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year
1.54	
.29	From Judith Harcider & Jacob Harcrider Heirs
.13	Same

This record reflects the purchase of the Jacob Harkrider lands by Franklin County Deeds 13/386, 13/446, and 13/359.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tyths	Blacks Over 12 Years	Blacks Over 16 Years
Apl 26	Thomas Wright Sr 1 stud $2.50	1	6	5

Horses Mules		Amount of Tax	
6		6.86	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate		Liberty
Thos Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $ lot	Remarks
		.06	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville Creek
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance from Court House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per acre, Including buildings	Sum added to Land in Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	158.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
.54	
.29	
.13	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date of List	Owners Names	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Apl 5	Thomas Wright Sr 1 carry all	1	7	6

Horses &c &c	___	Amt. of tax $	____
7		3.17	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thos Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $	____
		.06	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	No of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville Cr
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Contains Cooper & Wife Interest in the land of Jacob Harcrider decd. already charged

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of land Per acre, Including buildings	Sum added to Land for Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
1.54	
.29	
.13	

On or about August 5, 1833, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 13/548 Thomas Wright purchased from Henry Harkrider his interest in the estate of Jacob Harkrider:

"This Indenture made & confirmed this __ day of August in the year of our Salvation one thousand eight hundred and thirty three between Jeptha Payne of the one part of Tazwell County & State of Virginia attorney in fact, for Henry Harkrider of the one part & Thomas Wright, of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jeptha Payne doth for & in consideration of the sum of forty dollars, to me in hand hand paid the rct whereof is hereby acknowledged at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents do bargain sell & confirm the right & forever defend the right to all my interest in the Estate left me by Jacob Harkriders Will (Decd) which property being & lying in the County of Franklin & state of Va & bounded as followeth lying on the waters of Lynville Creek

beginning at T Wrights corner red Oak thence crossing Lynville at the Laurel Bank thence a long the sd Wrights line to Jno Beards line to a post Oak thence taking the road to the Sd Creek to a maple a long Beards line thence down the Creek to Beards, thence to Robt W Paynes line thence with Paynes line to the yellow Bank, thence with sd T Wrights to the Beginning To have and to hold the Interest I have in the above written premises unto the said Thomas Wright senr his heirs and assigns forever, from the claim or claims of them and their heirs or assigns & all other persons whatsoever whereunto I have set my hand & seal this __ of August 1833 as first written

Jeptha Payne
attorney for Henry Harkrider

At the Clerks office of Franklin County Court the 5 day of august 1833 This Indenture of bargain and sale between Jeptha Payne attorney for Henry Harkrider of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other part, was acknowledged by the said Jepthah Payne attorney as aforesaid and admited to record

Teste
Caleb Tate C.F.C."

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Apl 5	Thomas Wright Sr 1 carry all	1	7	6

Horses Mules &c	___	Amount of Tax	____
6		3.11	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thos Wright	Bed	fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax $	
		.06	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	Estate whether in fee or life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville Cr
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Henry Harcrider Interest in Jacob Harcriders Lands

Distance from C House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax of Land	
1.54	
.29	
.13	

This record reflects the purchase of Henry Harkrider's interest in the estate of Jacob Harkrider by Franklin County Deed 13/548.

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
May 5	Thomas Wright	1	6	6

Horses Mules &c	___	Amt of Tax	____
5		1.80	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thomas Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
		.06	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright & C Trustees with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	Estate whether in fee or life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright & C Trustees	Franklin	Fee	1	821 po. Lynnis

Distance from C House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
15	NE	1.00	Meeting House	

Amount of Tax of Land	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
.04	From E Conway

This record reflects the purchase of 1 acre of land for a meeting house by Franklin County Deed 10/512 in 1824.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	Estate whether in fee or life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance from C House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax of Land	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.54	
.29	
.13	

On April 15, 1835, at Franklin County, D.B. 14/356 1849 Thomas Wright purchased the interests of John Pearcy and Lucinda Pearcy and William Richardson and Milly Richardson in the estate of Jacob Harkrider:

> "This Indenture made this the fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five between Pearcy & Lucinday his wife and

William Richardson and ____ his wife of the County of Hendrick's and State of Indiana of the first part an Thomas Wright of the County of Franklin State of Virginia of the second part Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of eighty dollars good and lawful money of the United States paid by the said party of the Second part the said party of the first the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain and sell convey and confirm unto the said party of the Second part his heirs and assigns forever all their Interest in the following De Srbed premises to Wit. Lying and being in the County of Franklin & State of Virginia onth waters of ____ Creek adjoining Thomas Wright, John Board and others the same being ____ tract of land that Jacob Harkrider deceased owned to have and to hold the same together with all and Singular the rights _____ and appurtenances of whatsoever Nohow thereunto ____ to his own proper use and behoof, and the said John Pearcy ____ Lucinda his wife and William Richardson and Milly his ____ doth for themselves their heirs Executors an administrators ____ and agree to warrant and forever defend the right and ____ above desrbd to the said Thomas Wright his heirs and ____ forever against the claim or Claims of all maner of person either in Law or equity in Witness whereof the said John ____ and Lucinda an William Richardson and Milly his wife have hereunto Set their hands and seals ____ day and date ____ Written

Attest
Isaac Taylor
Aquilla Jordan

John	his X mark	Pearcy
Lucinda	her X mark	Pearcy
William	his X mark	Richardson
Milly	her X mark	Richardson

State of Indiana Hendricks County.

Be it remembered that this day personaly came us two Justice of the Peace John Pearcy, and William Richardson grantors named in the above Deed of Conveyance to which ____ and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the same, to be the act and deed for the purpose herein known. Also Lucinda & Milly being Examined Separate and apart from their said husbands ____ that they freely Relinquished their right of Dower in the ____ without fear concern or constraint from their husband or ____ other person. Given under our hands and Seals this 15" day of ____ 1835."

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Thomas Wright	1	6	6

Horses Mules &c	___	Amt of Tax	____
6		1.86	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thomas Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
		.06	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Number of Acres	Situation
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Linville
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.54	
.29	
.13	

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Thomas Wright	1	5	5

Horses &c	Amt of Tax	____
6	1.61	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thomas Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent $ lots	Tax $ lots	____
		.06	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.54	
.29	
.13	

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Owners	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 years of age	Blacks over 16 Years
	Thomas Wright Sen	2	5	5

Horses &c	Amount of Tax	____
8	2.14	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thomas Wright		fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
		.06	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Ser with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate	No of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Ser	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance	and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.92	
.36	
.16	

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sen with the following property:

_____	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Slaves over 16 years
	Thomas Wright Sen	2	4	4

Horses &c	Amount of Tax	____
9	1.92	

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	___	Liberty
Thomas Wright	Bedfd	fee	1	

Value of Lots Including buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax	____
6			

The 1839 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright Sr with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Numbers of Acres	Situation of Land
Thomas Wright Sr	Franklin	Fee	480	Lynville
"	"	"	90	"
"	"	"	51	"

Distance from Court House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	400.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	3.00	"	153.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.92	
.36	
.16	

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

1840	Names of Owners	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Horses &c	_____	Amount of Taxes
	Thomas Wright	4	4		1.52

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots on Plan of Town
Thos Wright	Bedford	Fee	

Description of Lotts agreeable to plan of Town	Value Including Buildings	Sum added on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rent	Tax
			5.00	.06

The 1840 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Numbers of Acres	Residence of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	480	Lynvill
ditto	"	"	90	"
ditto	"	"	51	"

Distance from Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Vallue of Improvements	Vallue of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	4.00	"	204.00

Amount of Tax	Expla of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.92	
.36	
.21	

The 1840 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed only one Thomas Wright with the following members of his household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Thos Wright	1	80-90	1	50-60
	1	15-20	1	20-30
	1	0-5		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				2	24-36	1	55-100
				1	10-24	1	24-36
				1	0-10	1	10-24
						1	0-10

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in

Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and and rivers
13		7				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
		Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Thomas Wright was born between 1750 and 1760 and that Susannah (Pasley) Wright was born between 1770 and 1780. The jump in age for the oldest male and the lack of a change for the oldest female between the 1830 and 1840 censuses indicate that each had been born about the turn of a decade, that is, approximately 1760 for Thomas Wright and 1780 for his second wife Susannah (Pasley) Wright.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males	Slaves above 12 years old
April 22	Thomas Wright	1	4

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether four wheel or two Wheel riding Carriages phea stage wagons with the Vallue thereof	
4	4		3.10

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
Thos Wright	Franklin	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable To Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum added to Lots on account of Buildings	Yearly Rent	Name of Town	Amt of Tax
			5.00		.07

The 1841 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate whether for Life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Residence of Lands
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	480	Lynvill
ditto	"	"	90	"
ditto	"	"	51	"

Distance from the Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Vallue of Improvements	Vallue of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	4.00	"	204.00

Amount of Tax	Expla of Alterations during the Preceding Year
2.20	
.45	
.26	

On October 8, 1841, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 17/229 Thomas Wright purchased Jacob Harkrider's interest in Jacob Harkrider's estate:

> "This Indenture made and confirmed this 8" day of October 1841 in the year of our Lord between John Harkrider of the one part of Franklin County and State of Virginia, Attorney in fact for Jacob Harkrider of Hendricks County State of Indiana of the one part and Thomas Wright of the other part: Witnesseth that the said John Harkrider doth for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the rect. whereof is hereby acknowledge at or before the ensealing and delivering of these presents do bargain sell and confirm the right and forever defend the right to all my interest in the Estate left me by Jacob Harkriders will Deceased whitch property being and lying in the County of Franklin and State of Va. bounded as follows, lying on the waters of Lynville Creek, begining at T Wright corner Red Oak thence crossing Lynville at the Lorrel Bank thence along the said Wrights line to John Beard's line to a Post Oak thence taking the road to the said Creek to a maple crossing the Creek, down the north side as it meanders to Nemores line thence to a Hickory thence to a Post Oak thence to Pain's line Chesnut, thence with Pains line to the Yellow Banks thence with the said Wright's line to the begining: To have and to hold the interest I have in the above written premises unto the said Thomas Wright seignor his heirs and assigns forever from the claim or claims of them and their heirs and assigns and of other persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof, I the

said John Harkrider Attorney in fact as aforesaid, have set my hand and seal this 8" of October 1841 as first written.

his
John X Harkrider
mark
Atto in fact
for Jacob Harkrider

In Franklin County Clerk's Office December the 15" 1841

This Indenture of bargain and sale between John Harkrider Attorney in fact for Jacob Harkrider of the one part, and Thomas Wright of the other part, was acknowledged in the said Office by the said John Harkrider and admitted to record.

Teste
Moses G. Carper CFC"

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males Above 16	Slaves above 12 years old
Ap 25	Thomas Wright	1	5

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether 4 wheel or two wheel riding Carriages Carryall and all others with Vallue thereof	Amount of Tax
4	5		2.62½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate Whether for life	No of	Residence of Lands
Thomas Wright	Franklin	in fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	90	"
Ditto	"	"	51	"

Distance from the Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvement	Value of Land Including Improvements
15	NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00
"	"	4.00	"	360.00
"	"	4.00	"	204.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
2.40	
.45	
.26	

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
Thos Wright	Franklin	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable to Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum added To Lots on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rents	Name of Town	Value of Tax
			5.00		.07

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

_____	Names of Persons Taxable	White males over 16 years of age	Slaves over 12 years of age	Slaves over 16 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	5	4

Horses Colts ___	Carriages Carryalls and Livery wagons __	Pianos(?)	Gold watches	Silver Lever watches	Common silver watches
5					

Wooden clocks	Metal Clocks	Amount of tax
1		3.25

The 1843 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee or Life	No of Acres	Description of the Land as to water Courses Mountains & Contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
ditto	"	"	141	"
ditto	"	"	40	"
ditto	Interest in Harkriders Land			

Distance and bearing from the Court House ___	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added on account of Buildings	Total Vallue of of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on ____ Tract at
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	2.40
" "	4.00	"	564.00	.71
" "	4.00	"	160.00	.20

Explanations of Alterations during
the Preceding Year for Whom Transferred

fm Tho Wright 1842

This record reflects a consolidation of the 90 acre and 51 were parcels of land and the acquisition of an additional 40 acres of land, probably part of the Harkrider lands.

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Lots
Thos Wright	Franklin	Fee	

Description of Lots Agreeable to Plan of Town	Value of Lots Including Buildings	Sum added To Lots on Account of Buildings	Yearly Rents	Name of Town	Value of Tax
			5.00		.07

On May 31, 1843, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 18/253 1849 Thomas Wright and his wife Susannah sold 148 acres of land to John Board:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 31st day of May 1843 between Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife of the one part and John Board of the other part all of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife hath for and in consideration of the

sum of five dollars per acre hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain sell and confirm unto the said John Board a certain tract or parcel of Land containing one hundred & forty eight acres & 110 poles the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the Land bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at Pointers & running So 88 E. 94 poles +ing lynville creek to pointers on the road thence along the road No 10 W. 26 Po No. 8 E. 24 Po No 8 W. 24 Po No 21 E. 14 Po No 39 W 22 Po No 12 W. 18 Po to the creek thence down the same S 82 E 60 Po. to a Poplar on the creek off No 25 W. 80 po to Paynes corner chesnut along that line No 67 W. 170 Po to Pointers at a Lick S 46 E. 114 Po to some trees S. 30 W. 90 Po to a Red Oak S. 72 W 6 Po to pointers S 45 W 58 Po to a Post Oak S. 49 E. 96 Po to the beginning. To have & to hold the above mentioned Land & premises unto him the said John Board his heirs & assigns forever and the said Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife doth for themselves their heirs &c do hereby warrant and forever defend the right & tittle to said Land in fee simple unto him the said John Beard his heirs &c. In witness whereof they the said Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals this day & date as above written

Teste
J Early
Robert Board
Robert P. Wright

Thomas Wright
Susannah Wright

Franklin County SC

We Joab Early and John D Booth Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Susannah Wright wife of Thomas Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 31st May 1843 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being by us examined privily & apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained she the said Susannah declared she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and did not wish to retract it Given under our hand & seals this 4" day November 1843

J Early
J. D. Booth

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 6" day of November 1843 This Indenture of bargain and sale between Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife of the one part and John Board of the other part was proved in the said Office by the oath of Joab Early and of the subscribing witnesses hereto. And in the said Office the 7th day of November 1843. This said Indenture was further proved by

the oath of Robert Board and Robert P Wright two other subscribing witnesses hereto and together with the certificate hereon endorsed and admitted to record.

Teste
Moses G. Carper C.F.C."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists	Persons names Chargeable with tax	White Males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	5	4

Horses &c	No 4 Wheel Pleasure Carriages and value	No of Carryalls & value	No. Gold Watches	No. Silver Laver or Lapine Watches	No. Other Watches
4					

No. Clocks at 50 Cents	No. Clocks at 25 Cents	No. Pianos and Value	Physicians paying a specific tax	Gold & Silver plate	Interest Received
	1				

Deeds Wills & letters of Admns	Total Amount of Tax
	2.75

The 1844 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee or Life	No of Acres	Description of the Land as to water Courses Mountains & Contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	141	"
Ditto	"	"	40	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added on account of Buildings	Total Vallue of of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on ____ Tract at
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	2.40
"	4.00	"	564.00	.71
"	4.00	"	160.00	.20

Explanations of Alterations during
the Preceding Year for Whom Transferred

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thos Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of each lot in the town	Name of Town
Thos Wright	Franklin	fee		

Value of buildings	Value of Lots including buildings	Yearly acct of of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots at the legal rate
		5.00	.01

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	4	4

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value
4				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
		1			

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by pur-chase, including interest, pre__ or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				$1.80½

The 1845 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	141	"
Ditto	"	"	20	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land and Buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	1.92
" "	4.00	"	564.00	.57
" "	4.00	"	80.00	.08

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple, for life, &c.	No. of each lot in the Town	Name of Town
Thomas Wright				

Value of buildings	Value of lots including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on lots at the legal rate

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

_____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	4	4

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
4				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				1.80½

The 1846 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	141	"
Ditto	"	"	20	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the Land and buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	1.92
" "	4.00	"	564.00	.57
" "	4.00	"	80.00	.08

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, life, &c.	No. of each Town Lot	Name of the Town
Thomas Wright	Bedford	fee		Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax at the legal rate
1 Lot	5.00		.01

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	2	2

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages & harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages & value
4				

Gold watches	Patent L watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos & value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and amount of tax	Physicians &c paying specific tax	Dentists paying specific Tax & amount of tax	Am't of Interest and profits

Am't of monied yearly income over $400	Bridge value -	Ferry - value	Newspaper	Dollars	Cents
					1.16½

The 1847 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for Life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	141	"
Ditto	"	"	20	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the Land and buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	1.92
" "	4.00	"	564.00	.57
" "	4.00	"	80.00	.08

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, life, &c.	No. of each Town Lot	Name of the Town
Thomas Wright				

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including buildings	Yearly rent of Lots	Amount of Tax at the legal rate

On February 24, 1848, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 20/263 Thomas Wright and Susannah his wife gifted 100 acres of land to his daughter Mary Wright:

> "This Indenture made the 24th day of February one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight between Thomas Wright Susannah his of Franklin County of the one part: and Mary Wright his Daughter of Roanoke County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Wright for and in consideration of the natural love and affection that he bears and has for his daughter, Mary Wright and for the further consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid the receipt whareof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said Mary Wright and her heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land in Franklin County on the waters of Lynville creek containing one hundred acres and bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at John Beard's Sowerwood pointers in the old line thence with the old lines North 45 West 124 poles to pointers North 72 West 22 poles to a Chesnut now pointers South 50 West 116 poles to a Hickory now pointers South 10 East 60 poles to pointers off new line North 82 East 170 poles to a white oak in the old line thence with it North 15 East 44 poles to the beginning. Together, with all and singular, the appertenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the said bargained land premises unto the said Mary Wright her heirs and assigns forever free from the claim of him the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns and from the just claim and demand of all other person or persons whomever shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend.

In witness whareof the said Thomas Wright & Susannah his wife hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Thomas Wright
Susannah Wright

Franklin County S.C.

We Moses Green and Stephen Wood Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Thomas Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 24" day of February 1848 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desires us to certify the ____ in order that the said deed may be recorded and we further cerfity that Susannah the wife of Thomas Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 24" day of February 1848 and herewith anned personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explanied to her, she the said Susannah Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 24" day of February 1848.

Moses Green
Stephen Wood

At a Court held for Franklin County the 7" day of March 1848

This Deed of Gift from Thomas Wright to Mary Wright was exhibited into Court and together with the certificate hereon endorsed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Moses G. Carper CFC"

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

____	_____	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Thomas Wright	1	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness & value	Stages and value including harness	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and Harness, & value	Gold watches
4				

Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50
			1		

Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges Value	Ferries Value	Newspapers value	
				1.48½

The 1848 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Residence of Land
Thomas Wright	Franklin	In fee	480	Lynvill
Ditto	"	"	141	"
Ditto	"	"	20	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre	Value of improvm	Value of land with improve-ments	Amt of Tax
15 NE	4.00	150.00	1920.00	1.92
" "	4.00	"	564.00	.57
" "	4.00	"	80.00	.08

Explanation of alterations during the preceding year

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

_____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
March 28	Thomas Wright	1	3	4

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
5				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax amt of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds
				24.00

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				2.26

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple, for life &c	Number of each lot in the town	Name of Town
Thomas Wright	Bedford	fee	1 do	Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of Tax on lots	_____
	5.00		.01	unimproved

The will of 1849 Thomas Wright was dated October 20, 1843, probated on August 6, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/79, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God I Thomas Wright the elder of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia though weak in body am of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God. For the purpose of disposing of my worldly estate I do make and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made Imprimis I desire and direct all my just ____ to be paid in the first place. Item 1st I give unto my beloved wife Susannah Wright all my household and kitchen furniture, a negro woman Charlotte and her children George Oliver, Sarah, Hannah, Louisa Jane & Elizabeth Florantine together with their increase forever to do as she may desire with, also I give her a negro man Josiah, 140 acres of land (which I purchased of Matthew Talbot) during her natural life, also I give her and my son Robert P. Wright all my stock of Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and plantation tools and utentials of every description also all the stock of grain and provisions of every decription which I may have at my decease. Item 2nd I give unto my son Robert P. Wright the above mentioned 140 acres of land at the decease of my wife also the land I purchased of the heirs of Jacob Harcrider deceased with the exception of what I have sold to Mr. John Beard also a part of the land bot of Thomas Chaetor beginning at Beards corner Post Oak near the north east corner of my mantion field thence runing a strait line to a large poplar on the south side of the little cove branch thence up the ridge to Mr Hopkins line also I give him the negro man Josiah at the decease of my wife to him & his heirs forever. Item 3rd I give unto my grand children the heirs of Joseph Wright deceased six hundred dollars to be equally divided amongst them or the survivors or their heirs that is 1/7 to the heirs of Malinda Breggs 1/7 to Tyree Wright. 1/7 to Latitia Gerard 1/7 to James A Wright 1/7 to Wiley S. Wright 1/7 to Virginia P. Wright & 1/7 to Julia A. Wright or their heirs forever. Item 4" I have heretofore paid my son Solomon Wright five hundred dollars for which I have taken his receipt and this was intended as his portion of my estate. Item 5" I give unto my daughter Mary Wright 100 acres of Land called the little cove. beginining at Redquodys line at a corner Hickory runing to a marked corner made by me. Item 6" I have heretofore paid my son in law Wm Richardson & wife five hundred dollars in a negroe woman & child which I intended as their portion of my estate. Item 7" I have heretofore paid my son in law Richard Bandy & wife hundred dollars in a negroe woman which was intended as their portion of my estate. Item 8" I have heretofore paid my son Thomas Wright five hundred $ for which I have his receipt & which is intended as his portion of my estate. Item 9" I have heretofore paid my daughter Elizabeth Payne five hundred dollars for which I have her receipt and which is intended as her portion of my Estate. Item 10" I have heretofore paid my daughter Phoeby Wright five hundred $ in a negro woman and which is intended as her portion of my estate. Item 11" It is my intention to sell property in order that I may be enabled to pay what I have willed my grandchildren the heirs of Joseph Wright deceased and provided I should not live to do it, I desire that my Executor shall sell my negroes Washington & Matthew and out of proceeds pay the above mentioned legacies to the heirs of my son Joseph Wright deceased and if there should be any balance of my

estate left it is my will and desire that it shall be equally divided amongst my eight children by my first wife to them & there heirs forever. I desire if my negro woman Hannah should survive me that she may have her choice to remain with my wife or to go with any of my children whom she may choose in any event it is my desire that she should be taken care of. It is my desire that my son Robert P. Wright shall act as my Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & annuling all former ones. Given under my hand and seal this 20" Oct 1843.

Signed seal & acknowl-	)	Thomas Wright
edged before us	)	
J Early	)	
A L Early	)	
Jane Wright	)	
John S. Hale	)	
Henry G. Hopkins	)	
George W. Hopkins	)	

At a Court held for Franklin County the 6" day of August 1849

This last Will and Testament of Thomas Wright Decd was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of John S. Hale and George W Hopkins two of the subscribing witnesses hereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Robert P. Wright the Executor named in said will who made oath and gave bond and security according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form

Teste
M. G. Carper CFC"

From this record the family of 1849 Thomas Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: Susannah;

Children:
1) Robert P. Wright;
2) Joseph Wright, deceased, and his children:
   a) Malinda Briggs, deceased;
   b) Tyree Wright;
   c) Latitia Gerard;
   d) James A. Wright;
   e) Willy S. Wright;
   f) Virginia P. Wright; and

g) Julea (Julia?) A. Wright;

3) Solomon Wright;

4) Mary Wright;

5) _____, wife of William Richardson;

6) _____, wife of Richard Bandy;

7) Thomas Wright;

8) Elizabeth Payne; and

9) Phoeby Wright.

In addition, the continuous listing of a single Thomas Wright with 140 or 140 plus 340 or 480 acres of land from his purchase in 1785 until his death in 1849 and the listing of that same Thomas Wright as owning the 14 acres allocated from 1815 Joseph Wright's estate confirms that 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County was the son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County.

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright was dated August 21, 1849, was appraised on November 12, 1849, and was filed on January 7, 1850, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/101 showing a total value of $3,658.17-1/2, including nine slaves valued at $2,950.00:

"A List of Property appraised by us belonging to the estate of Thomas Wright Decd. this 21st Augt. 1849.

11 Split Chairs	1:50
3 Windsor Chairs	1:50
1 Cobbard and contents	13:00
1 fall lief table	5:00
1 Candle Stand and contents	1:50
1 Chest	6:00
1 Bureau	10:00
1 Desk	4:00
1 Livery of Books	8:00
Shaving utensils	50
1 pr of Medical scales	25
1 Curtain Bed stead and Bead & furn.	14:00
1 Bead stead & furniture	18:00
1 Clock	3:00
1 looking Glass	1.00
1 Bead stead & furniture	8:00

1 Bead stead & furniture	1.00
1 Bol	25
1 Pine Chest	50
1 Passel of Bead Close	12:00
1 Bol	12
1 Tand sheep skin with wool on	63
Serange, Scales viols &c	1:00
1 Table	25
1 Kitchen Cobbord & furniture	1.50
1 Loom Slay & Harness	8:00
Kitchen furniture Pots & Ovens &c	1.50
Tin ware of every sort	2:00
Water Vessels	50
Tubs & Churns &c	50
2 Trays	12
2 Flax Wheel & Cotton Wheel Cards & Cut Reel	10:00
2 Pot Racks	50
2 fire Irons	10
2 smoothing Irons	25
1 Kitching Table	10
1 Baker & 3 Kittles	3:00
1 Grind Stone	1.00
6 Tubs	1.50
5 Cider Hogsheads	5:00
1 Honey Cash & Rulet	50
1 Flower & water Barrel	25
1 Apple Mill	5:00
Seller Jar Crocks &c	37
2 Hogsheads	1.00
2 Hogsheads & 2 Barrels	75
1 Sand sive	11
Clover Seed	1.50
1 Saddle & Bridle	3:00
Plank & Scant	1.50
1 Cross Cut Saw & files	5.00
2 Pr of Sheep Shears	50
Halter Chains Collars &c	25
1 Pr of Stilards	2:00
1 Lot of Old Irons	25
1 Set Black Smith's tools	15:00
2 Two Horse Plows	16.00
1 2 Horse Harrow	5:00
Old Plow & Cotters	1.00
4 Old Axes & Iron wedge	1.00

1 foot adz	1:00
Moveing utensils	1.00
1 Hand Saw & old tools	1.00
1 Mason Hammer & trowel	25
3 Mattocks	2:00
7 hoes	1:00
1 Shovel 3 forks	1.75
1 Gig and geer	20:00
1 log caine	1.00
1 Old Wagons	25:00
1 Parsel of geer	8:00
Cart Wheel & Irons	50
1 Cuting Bol	2:50
2 Beef Hook	25
1 Sithe & Cradle	1.50
1 Sithe & Cradle	25
1 Flax Hackle	1:00
1 Pair fire Irons & Shovel	50
1 Side of upper leather	1.00
1 Spotted Cow	8:00
1 Cow & calf	11:00
1 Cow	9:00
1 Spotted Stear	12:00
1 Red Steer	10:00
1 Black Heifer	5:00
1 White Heifer with no hornes	3:50
1 White Heifer with hornes	3:00
20 Head of Hogs little & big	32:00
1 Gray Mare	65:00
1 Bay Mare	55:00
1 Bay mare with one eye	30:00
1 Sorrel Colt	30:00
1 Yellow	27½:00
1 Wheat fan	10:00
10 head of Sheep in the woods if we get them	10:00
1 pair of Saddlebags	1:00
Negroes	
Washington	550:00
Josiah	500:00
Charlotte	500:00
George Oliver	300:00
Sarah Hannah	350:00
Louisa Jane	300:00
Elizabeth Florentine	225:00

Lucy Eldridge	125:00
Mary Vilet	100:00
14 lb Sole leather	2:80
1 Side upper leather	1.50
1 Do.	62½
Cabbage Patch	1.00
Red Wheat by Bushels cts pr Bush.	10:20
White Corn $1.50 cts pr Barrel	61:50
Yellow do $1.50 pr Barrel	7:50
Shucks	1.50
Short corn 75 cts Pr Barrel	6:00
Crop Flax with the seed	1.50
1 Oat Stack	5:00
1 Do	5:00
White Wheat 60 cts pr Bushel	
Straw. Rich	1:00
1 Blade Stack	1.50
1 Do	1.50
1 Do	1.00
1 Do	1.00

We do hereby declare that we have appraised this property to the best of our knowledge. Given under our hands this 12th Nov. 1849.

Joseph G. Kennett
Nehemiah D Kennett
Henry Moore

A list of debts due the estate of Thomas Wright decd.
A Bond on Phebe Wright of $100.00 dated the 10th of December 1838 due 12 months after date.
A Bond on demand on D D Booth and Lewis H Turnbull dated the 2nd day July 1847 for $400:00.
A Bond on Peter Feather dated February 9th 1848 of $15:00 to be Paid in Blacksmiths work eight $ and 81 cents Paid balance due $6-19/100
A Bond on Margaret Payne for $3:00 dated 14' August 1849 due one day after date
A Bond on Joseph Showalter for $3:00 dated August 16" 1849 due one day after date.

Robert P. Wright Exor of
Thomas Wright Decd.

At a Court held for Franklin County the 7th day of January 1850.

This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Thomas Wright Decd was returned and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
M. G. Carper C.F.C"

After the death of 1849 Thomas Wright litigation was initiated by his son Robert P. Wright regarding the proper interpretation of his will. On October 18, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book A/_ the court entered its order as follows:

"Robert P. Wright Executor of Thomas Wright Decd against Susannah Wright and others. Plff Defts.

This day this cause came on to be heard by the consent of the parties by their counsel. On the Bill of the Plaintiff answer of the Defendants Solomon Wright, Mary Wright, Wm Richardson and Nancy his wife, Richard Bandy and Margaret his wife Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Payne and Pheba Wright and exhibit and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that upon a fair and proper consideration of the Will of the Testator Thomas Wright in the Bill mentioned. The children in the Bill mentioned of the slave Charlotte born in the life time of the Testator after the publication of the said Will pass to and rightfully belong to the Defendant Susannah Wright. That the wagons Blacksmiths Tools and Cross cut saw in the Bill also mentioned pass under the bequest in the said Will to the Plaintiff and Defendant Susannah Wright. But that the crops of grain that were growing and unsevered at the death of the said Testator fall into the residuum and pass to the said residuary legatees after the payment of the Testator's debts and that the children and heirs of the said Joseph Wright Decd in the Bill mentioned collectively are entitled to one eighth of the said residuum as residuary legatees of the said Testator. Therefore the court doth adjudge order and decree that the plaintiff do deliver over and surrender the two slaves in the Bill mentioned the children of the slave Charlotte born between the time of the publication of the said Will and the death of the Testator to the Defendant Susannah Wright - upon her giving to him a proper refunding bond, and that he and the said Susannah jointly retain and hold the said wagon Blacksmiths tools and cross cut saw unless it should be necessary to resort to the sum for the payment of the Testators debts. And that the Plaintiffs do hold the proceeds of the said crops of grain growing at the time of the said Testator's death and carry the same into the said residuum and at the proper

time after first paying the said Testators debts and expenses of Administration pay the same to the Defendants Solomon Wright, Wm. Richardson and wife, Richard Bandy & wife Elizabeth Payne, Phebe Wright, Mary Wright and Thomas Wright and the said children and heirs of Joseph Wright Decd. as the residuary legatees of the said Testator counting the said children and heirs of Joseph Wright Decd as one legatee - Upon their executing to him refunding bonds with security - And the court doth further adjudge order and decree that the Plaintiff pay the costs of this suit out of the Estate of his Testator - And liberty is reserved to the Defendants respectively hereafter to call upon the plaintiffs to account to them as such residuary legatees. And for such and further order or decree as may become necessary to recover their respective legacies from the plaintiff."

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate whether in fee simple, for life &c	Number of each lot in the town	Name of Town
Thomas Wright	Bedford	fee	1 do	Hardysville

Value of buildings	Value of lots, including Buildings	Yearly rent of lots	Amount of tax on lots at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year
	5.00		.01	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susanah Wright with the following property:

___	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Susanah Wright			2	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
2				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profit or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount tax. Dollars Cents
			.32½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Taxes whether in fee simple, for life &c	No. of Acres	Description of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	140	linville

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the land and buildings	Amount of tax on on the whole tract, at the legal rate
15 NE	4.00		564.00	.57

Explanation of alterations
during the preceding year,
especially from whom transferred

from Thomas Wright

On May 15, 1850, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/174, an accounting for the sale of estate assets on November 15, 1849, was filed:

"Account of sales of the personal property of Thomas Wright Decd made 15" Nov 1849 on a credit of twelve months for all sums over $5 and for cash for all sums of $5: & under

		$ cts
James Wright (Paid)	1 Sheep skin with wool on	1:00
T. C S Ferguson (Paid)	1 side upper leather	1.26
James Casey (Paid)	1 Side Do	30
T. C. S. Ferguson (Paid)	1 Side Do	1.50
Jubal Doran (Paid)	1 Side Sole leather	50
Henry P. Hopkins (Paid)	1 Side Sole leather (Paid)	1.80
Abram Childress	1 Set Hinges (Paid	25
Jesse Dillion	1 pair spoon moles (Paid)	13
Henry G. Hopkins	1 Saddle & bridle	2.90
Wm Hix (Paid	1 Parcel Clover seed	55
Andrew Cooper	1 Pair of Stillards (Paid)	80
Robert P. Wright	1 Apple Mill	2:00
Samuel Beard	1 Pair Saddle bags (Paid)	25
Lewis W. Richardson	1 Gig and Harness	16:00
Henry G. Hopkins	10 Bushels Wheat at 65 cts pr Bar	6:50
Joel M Wright	7 Bushels Do at 58 Cents	4:06
Lewis P. Weysong	1 lot Flax (Paid)	1.00
Lewis P. Wysong	1 lot of Irish Potatoes (Paid)	75
Henry G. Hopkins	8 Barrels Corn at $1.78 cts	14:24
Berry M C Commack	5 Barrels Do at $1:78 cts	8:90
Joseph Ridgeway	10 Barrels Do at $1:79 cts	17:90

Joseph Ridgeway	10 Barrels Do at $1:79 cts	17:90
Edward Beard	5 Barrels Do at $1:78 cts	8.90
James C. Booth	3 Barrels Do at $1:77 cts	5:31
Josiah Ferguson	5 Barrels Do at $1.68	8.40
Nathaniel R. Edwards	8 Barrels short corn at 76 cts	6:08
Lewis P. Wysong (Paid)	2 Barrels Nubbins at 37½	75
James C. Booth	1 lot shucks	26
		$130:19
Robert P. Wright	1 Cutting Bol	1.50
Robert P. Wright	1 Oat Stack	5.65
James Corley	1 Oat Stack	5.80
Joel M Wright	36 Bushels of Wheat at 50 cts	18:00
Nathaniel R. Edwards	1 Stack of Fodder	68
John Edwards	1 Stack of Fodder	26
R. P. Wright	1 Rich of Straw	12½
James C Booth	1 Stack of Fodder	1.26
Wm Hix	1 Stack of Fodder (Paid)	1.26
Leroy R. James	One Negro man named Washington	615:12½
		649:66
		130:19
		$779.75

The above is a list of the Property sold by me on the 15" day of November 1849 belonging to the estate of Thomas Wright Deceast.

Robert P. Wright Executor of
Thomas Wright Deceast.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 15" day of May 1850

This List of sales of the estate of Thomas Wright Decd. was exhibited into the said Office and admitted to record.

Teste
M. G. Carper. C.F.C."

On December 9, 1850, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 21/473 the heirs of Joseph Wright, the deceased son of 1849 Thomas Wright, appointed Solomon Wright their attorney in fact to deal with the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that whereas Thomas Wright the Elder late of of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia deceased by his his last Will and Testament did give and bequeath unto his Grand children the heirs of Joseph Wright deceased, the sum of six hundred dollars to be equally divided among

them, or the survivors of them or their heirs that is to say, the sum of six hundred dollars to be divided as follows, to wit: 1/7 to the heirs of Melinda Briggs 1/7 to Tyree Wright 1/7 to Letitia Gerard 1/7 to James A. Wright 1/7 to Wiley S. Wright 1/7 to Virginia P. Wright 1/7 to Julia A. Wright or their heirs forever, to be paid unto them by the Executor of the said Thomas Wright the Elder deceased of which last Will and Testament, Robert P. Wright is the Executor as in and by said Will and Testament may appear. And whereas the Judge of the St Louis Probate Court has appointed Curators for the Estates of Cynthia Briggs, Mary Jane Briggs and Eliza Briggs, who are the sole heirs of the said Malinda Briggs deceased, that is to say has appointed James A. Wright Curator of the Estate of the said Cynthia Briggs and John Napp Curator of the Estates of the said Mary Jane and Eliza Briggs, as will appear by the certificates of the Judge and Clerk of said Court (in due form of law) under seal of said Court, hereto annexed. And whereas Virginia P. and Julia A. Wright are both lawfully married - Virginia P. to John Knapp and Julia A. to William Mount as will appear by the copies from the Book of Marriages in the recorders office of St Louis County, hereto annexed, certified by the said recorder under his seal. Now Know Ye that we the said James A Wright, Wiley S. Wright, Letitia Gerard, John Knapp and Virginia P. his wife, Julia A. wife of said William Mount & Cynthia Briggs, by her curator James A. Wright and Mary Jane and Eliza Briggs, by their curator John Knapp, Have made Ordained constituted and appointed, Solomon Wright of the County of ____ and State of Virginia, our true and lawful attorney, for us, and in our names, and for our use and benefit, to ask, demand, and receive of and from the said Robert P. Wright Executor the legacies given and bequeathed unto us by the said Will of the said Thomas Wright the elder, as aforesaid, and upon receipt thereof by or payment thereof to, and said Attorney, a general release or discharge for the same to make, Execute, and deliver, hereby ratifying, confirming and allowing whatsoever our said Attorney shall lawfully do in the premises. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Ninth day of December A. D. 1850 at the City of St Louis and State of Missouri.

James A. Wright
Wiley S. Wright
Letitia Gerarde
Julia A. Mount
John Knapp
Virginia P. Knapp
John Knapp
Curator of Mary Jane & Eliza Briggs
James A. Wright
Curator of Cynthia Ann Briggs

State of Missouri)
County of Saint Louis) SS.

I John H. Watson a Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia, for the State of Missouri certify that James A. Wright, Wiley S. Wright, Letitia Gerarde Julia A Mount and John Knapp, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the Ninth day of December Eighteen hundred and fifty, have acknowledged the same before me in my State of Missouri aforesaid on this 9' day of December A. D. 1850. And I further certify that John Knapp as Curator of Mary Jane and Elisa Briggs whose name is signed as such to the said annexed writing, acknowledged the same as said Curator, at the same time, before me; and I further certify that James A. Wright, as Curator of Cynthia Ann Briggs, whose name is signed as such to the said annexed writing, acknowledged the same as said Curator, at the same time, before me. Given under my hand this ninth day of December A. D. 1850

Jno. H. Watson
Commissioner of Virginia
for the State of Missouri

State of Missouri)
County of Saint Louis) SS.

I Jno. H. Watson, a Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia, for the State of Missouri do hereby certify that Virginia P. Knapp, the wife of John Knapp, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the ninth day of December A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, on the Ninth day of December A. D. 1850 and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia P. Knapp, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this ninth day of December A. D. 1850

Jno. H. Watson
Commissioner of Virginia
for the State of Missouri

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS.

I, John H. Watson, a Commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia, for the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that Julia A. Mount (the wife of William Mount) whose name is subscribed to the writing hereto annexed

bearing date on the ninth day of December A. D. 1850, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, on the ninth day of December A. D. 1850 and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Julia A. Mount, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this ninth day of December A. D. 1850

Jno. H. Watson
Commissioner of Virginia
for the State of Missouri

State of Missouri)
County of Saint Louis) SS.

At a Term of the Probate Court begun and held at the City of Saint Louis within and for the County of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri on the first Monday in March being the sixth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight, were present, Peter Ferguson Judge of said Court William S. McKnight Esquire Marshall of the County of Saint Louis. Court adjourned from day to day until Saturday 25" March 1848.

Saturday 25" March 1848. Court met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - Same Judge

John Knapp Curator)
of Mary Jane Briggs) Curator Chosen.

Mary Jane Briggs appears and says that she is aged sixteen years and moves to be allowed to make choice of a curator which she is permitted to do whereupon she chooses John Knapp who is approved of and appointed Curator of the estate of said Minor, and the Court order that he enter into bond in the sum of Seven hundred dollars with sufficient security and conditioned according to law wherefore he accepts such Curatorship and offers Wyley S. Wright as his security who is approved of by the Court and the bond required executed and filed.

John Knapp Curator)
of Eliza M. Briggs) Curator Chosen.

Eliza M. Briggs appears and says that she is aged fourteen years and moves to be allowed to make choice of a Curator, which she is permitted to do on which she chooses John Knapp who is approved of and appointed Curator of the Estate of said Minor and the Court order . . . ."

On January 6, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/275, an accounting for the estate for the period from September 20, 1849, through January 1, 1850, was filed showing a balance due of $289.50:

"The Estate of Thomas Wright Deceased. In account With Robert P. Wright the Executor

			Dr.
1849			
Sept. 20	To amt paid Pleasant Brown	See No 1	3:16
Nov 5	" " " Otey Hambrick	see No 2	3:00
" 15	" " " M. B. Barton	" " 3	1:00
" "	" " " James Wright	" " 4	2:00
Dec. 11	" " " S. P. Wysong	" " 5	6:00
" "	" " " "	" " 6	83
To Commission $30:20 cts Amt of receipts			1:51
			17:50
Balance to Credit			12:70
			30:20
1850			
Jany	To Amt of taxes for last year	See No 7	6:67
"	" " " Shffs ticket	" " 8	1.26
"	" " " Clerk ticket	See Nos 9: 10: 11 & 12	9:83
March 4	" " paid Early & Woolton	See No 13	5:75
" 8	" " " M. B. Barton	" " 14	99
" 13	" " " John D Booth	" " 15	65:47
Apl. 9	" " " Wm Gish	" " 16	5:14
" 18	" " " S Dearing	" " 17	21:40
" 22	" " " Frances Robertson	" " 18	3:00
May 10	" " " R. Buck & Co.	" " 19	7:45
" "	" " " G. A. & W Wingfield	" " 20	50:75
To Comm on $477:90 cts recepts for this year			23:64
			196:11
Balance to Credit			287:30
			485:61

Cr.

1849		
Sept 15"	By amt of Decedents tobacco sold as of this date	23:31
Nov 15	" " " Cash recd on day of Sale	6:89
		30:20
1850		
Jany 1st	By balance from Debit	12:70
March 4	" Amount received as of this date from suit of Wrights Executor's Turnbull & Booth	472:91
		485:61
October 21	Balance from Debit	289:50

Commissioner's Office Nobr 29, 1850

In accordance with notice published agreeable to law R. P. Wright Exor of Thomas Wright Decd appeared before me at my Office in Rocky Mt Mar 21st tells and rendered the above a/c of his transactions as Executor of his Testator's estate by reference to which it will be seen that at the date of the above settlement he was indebted to his Testators estate in the sum of $289:50. The proceeds of the sale of his testators estate are not accounted for in the above account because the bonds taken at the sale are not yet due. Respe tfully submitted

Wm. T. Taliaferro Comr.

At a Court held for Franklin County the 6" day of January 1851

This Report and Settlement of the Account of the Executors of Thomas Wright Decd having been filed in the Clerk's Office more than one month and no exceptions having been filed to the same, was examined by the Court and confirmed and admitted to record

Teste
M. G. Carper C.F.C."

On March 3, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 7/344 a second accounting for the period May 24, 1850, through January 1, 1851, was filed showing a balance due of $1,169.88:

"The Estate of Thomas Wright Decd. In account with Robert P. Wright the Executor

			Dr
1850			
May 24	To Cash paid L. Wright	See No 1	8:33
" "	" " " Susanna Wright	See No 2	8:33
Octo 21	" " " Comr Taliaferro	See No 3	1:20
Dec. 11	" " " Thos C McVey	See No 4	17
	To Commissions on recpts for this year $942-2/100 at 5 per cent		47:10
1851			
Jany 17	To this acct paid Comr Taliaferro	See No 6	75
			65:98
Ballance to credit			1169:88
			1235:86

Cr

1850		
October 21	By this amt due on last settlement see account current of this date	289:50
Novr 15	By this amount received as of this date	681:04½
" 29	" " " " of James Nimmo	17:90
Decmr 10	" " " " as of this date	210:54
" 28	" " " " " " " "	32:54
	By Interest on $289:50 from 21st of October 1850 until the 21st of January 1851	4:34
		1235:86
1851		
Jany 21st	By Ballance from debit	$1169:88

Commissioners Office January 30 1851

Robert P. Wright Executor of Thomas Wright deceased agreeable to notice published at January Court 1851 by the undersigned appeared before me at my office in Rocky Mount and rendered the above as a true statement of transactions as Executor with his Testators estate by reference to which it will appear that he is indebted to said estate in the sum of $1169:88/100 as of the 21st of January 1851. Comrs fee for seating this acct 75 Cents Respectfully Submitted

Comr. Wm T. Taliaferro Comr.

At a Court held for Franklin County the 3rd day of March 1851

This Report and Settlement of the account of Robert P. Wright Executor of Thomas Wright Decd having been filed in the Clerks office more than one month and no exceptions having been filed to the same was examined by the Court and confirmed and admitted to record.

Teste,
M. G. Carper CFC"

On February 24, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 21/526 Thomas Wright and Sela, his wife, of Conway County, Arkansas, appointed Solomon Wright of Roanoke County, Virginia, their attorney in fact to settle their interest in the estate of Thomas Wright Senior of Franklin County, Virginia, and to receive any property due them from Robert P. Wright, executor of the will of Thomas Wright Senior:

"Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Wright and Sela Wright my wife of the State of Arkansas have made constituted and appointed, and by these

presents do make constitute and appoint and in our place and stead put and depute Solomon Wright of Roanoke County & State of Virginina our true and lawful Attorney to grant bargain and sell all our interest in the lands with which or father, to wit, Thomas Wright senior of Franklin County and State of Virginia died seized or possessed of with the appurtenances and all our Estate right title and interest therein unto such person or persons for such price or prices as he shall think proper an also for us and in our name place and stead and as our proper act and deed to sign seal and deliver and acknowles all such deed or deeds of conveyance as shall be necessary for the absolute granting and assuring of the premises unto the purchaser or purchasers in fee simple and further we the said Thomas Wright and Sela Wright as aforesaid do by these presents do make constitute and appoint the above named Solomon Wright our true and lawfull attorney as aforesaid for us and in our names and for our use to ask recover and receive of and from Robert P. Wright Executor of the above named Thomas Wright Decd. or in whose hands soever the same may be found the money arising from the sale of the foregoing mention land or said legacy or bequest mentioned in the Will of the aforesaid Thomas Wright Sen. Decd. and also such other sum or sums of money or demands whatsoever which are or shall be due, owing payable and belonging to us by any means whatsoever for or on account of our full share part or dividend of the Estate aforesaid, giving and granting unto our said Attorney by these presents our full power and authority to enter all lawfull ways and means in our name for the purposes aforesaid and upon the receipt of any such debts dues or sums of money to give acquitances or other sufficient discharges for us and in our name to make seal and deliver and to execute and perform as fully to all intents and purposes as if we ourselves could do if personally present. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 24' day of February A D 1851

Test
Benjamin Smith
R. W. Venable

Thomas Wright
her
Sela X Wright
mark

State of Arkansas Conway County to wit:

Be it known that on the 24" day of February in the year of 1851 Before me came the above named Thomas Wright and Sela Wright his wife and acknowledged the above letter of Attorney to be their act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 24' day of February 1851

Lew Porter J P

State of Arkansas Conway County, to wit:

I Ephraim Morrell Clerk of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Lewis Porter Esquire whose hand and Seal is affixed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement is a magistrate of the County of Conway and that all faith and credit ought to be paid to all his acts and deeds as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be hereunto affixed this 26' day of February in the year of 1851 and of our Independance the 75" year.

Ephraim Morrell Clerk

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 7" day of July 1851.

This Power of Attorney from Thomas Wright and Sela his wife to Solomon Wright was exhibited into the said office and together with the certificates hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
M. G. Carper C. F. C."

The 1851 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	Life	140	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amt of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00		560.00	.68

Amount of Tax	Explanation

The 1852 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	140	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Linville	15 NE	4.00		564.00	1.02

Amount	Explanation

On September 11, 1852, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 22/302 the heirs of Thomas Wright sold 62 acres of land inherited from Thomas Wright:

"This Deed made this 11" day of September in the year 1852 between Solomon Wright and Sarah his wife Richard Bandy and Margaret his wife, Nancy Richardson, The heirs of Joseph Wright by their agent Solomon Wright, Phoeba Wright, Mary Wright, Elizabeth Paine and Thomas Wright by his agent Solomon Wright all heirs and distributives of the late Thomas Wright Decd of the first part - and Joseph Ridgeway of the second part: Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of two hundred & fourty dollars, the said Solomon Wright and Sarah his wife, Richard Bandy and Margarita his wife, Nancy Richardson The heirs of Joseph Wright by their agent Solomon Wright Phoeba Wright, Mary Wright, Elizabeth Paine, and Thomas Wright by his agent Solomon Wright all heirs and distributives of the late Thomas Wright decd with general warranty all of a certain price of land lying in the County of Franklin on the waters of Staunton River adjoining the lands of Robert P. Wright, Joseph Ridgeway and others and bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning at pointers thence N. 57º W 55 poles to a poplar on the bank of a branch thence S. 68º 30º W 47 poles to a Red Oak thence N 10º 45 W crossing a branch at 24 poles in all 60 poles to a Chesnut Oak thence N. 89º 15 E. crossing a branch at 36 poles in all 180 poles to a White Oak in Beard's line thence S 26º 15' W 61 poles to a Read Oak, thence S. 72º W 6 poles to a Spanish Oak, thence S. 49º W 58 poles to the beginning containing by Survey Sixty two acres more or less, and the said Solomon Wright & Sarah his wife, Richard Bandy and Margaret his wife, Nancy Richardson and Solomon Wright for the heirs of Joseph Wright, Phoeba Wright Mary Wright, Elizabeth Paine and Thomas Wright by his agent, Solomon Wright, hath hereby covenant with the said Joseph Ridgeway that they will forever warrant and defend the right of the 62 acres of Land from themselves their heirs and from all persons whomsoever Witness of the following signatures and seals.

S. Wright
Sarah Wright
Richard his X mark Bandy

her
Margaret X Bandy
mark
her
Nancy X Richardson
mark
S. Wright agent for Joseph Wright
S. Wright agent for Thos Wright
Phebe X Wright
her
Nancy X Wright
mark
her
Elizabeth X Payne
mark

Roanoke County To Wit:

I William McDermed a Justice of the peace in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do certify that Solomon Wright, Richard Bandy, Nancy Richardson & Pheobe Wright whose names appears to the writing within dated the 11" day of September 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand September 18" 1852.

Wm McDermed

Roanoke County To Wit:

We William McDermed and William B. Preston Justices of the peace in the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia do certify that Sarah Wright wife of Solomon Wright and Margaret Bandy wife of Richard Bandy parties to the writing within dated the 11" day of September 1852 personally appeared before us in our said County and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the same fully explained to them they acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 18" day of September 1852.

Wm McDermed
Wm B. Preston

Roanoke County, To Wit:

I, William McDermed, a Justice of the Peace in the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia do certify that Mary Wright whose name appears to the writing within dated the 11" day of September 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand & seal this 22nd day of Sept. 1852.

Wm McDermed J.P.

Franklin County To wit:

This day personally appeared before me Wm Hopkins a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid, Elizabeth Payne whose name appears to the writing within dated the 11" day of September 1852 and acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 27 day of November 1852.

William Hopkins J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 20 day of December 185

This Deed from Solomon Wright and Sarah his wife, Richard Bandy and Margaret his wife, Nancy Richardson, Solomon Wright agent for the heirs of Joseph Wright, Solomon Wright agent for Thomas Wright & Phebe Wright, Mary Wright and Elizabeth Payne to Joseph Ridgeway was exhibited unto the said Office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admited to record.

Teste:
Ro. A. Scott C.F.C."

This record identifies the heirs of 1849 Thomas Wright as follows:

1) Solomon Wright and his wife Sarah,
2) Richard Bandy and Margaret, his wife,
3) Nancy Richardson,
4) Heirs of Joseph Wright by their agent Solomon Wright,
5) Pheoba or Phebe Wright,
6) Mary Wright,
7) Elizabeth Payne, and
8) Thomas Wright by his agent Solomon Wright.

Solomon and Sarah Wright, Richard and Margaret Bandy, Nancy Richardson, Phebe Wright, and Mary Wright all signed in Roanoke County; Elizabeth Payne signed in Franklin County.

The birth record of Bird, a male slave of Susannah Wright, was dated on January 19, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Bird ____
Date of Birth:	January 19, 1853
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin County
Owner's Name:	Susannah Wright
Owner's Occupation:	Farming
Owner's Residence:	Franklin County
Mother's Name:	Charlotte Slave
How Many:	1
Informant:	Susannah Wright"

The birth record of ____, a female slave of Susannah Wright, was dated on January 19, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	____ ____
Date of Birth:	January 19, 1853
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place:	Franklin County
Owner's Name:	Susannah Wright
How many:	1
Informant:	Susannah Wright"

The 1853 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	140	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Linville	15 NE	4.00	150	560.00	1.12

Amount	Explanation

The 1854 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	140	

Description of the Land	Distance from Court House	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt. of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00		560.00	1.12

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alterations

The 1855 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	140	

Discription	Distance from CH	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Linville	15 NE	4.00		560.00	1.12

Amount for County purposes	Explanation

On August 4, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/32 Susannah Wright gifted certain land to her son Robert P. Wright:

"This Deed made the 4" day August 1855 between Susannah Wright of the one part & Robert P. Wright of the other part & both of the County of Franklin State of Virginia. Witnesseth that for the love and Effection that I the said Susannah Wright has for my son Robert P. Wright. The said Susan Wright do give unto the said Robert P Wright all the lands enclosed in the bounds of the said Robet P. Wright's Bailings together with one half of my pailed garden to have & to hold against all other claims during my natural life, which I the sd Susannah Wright clams & covenants to have the Right to convey all right title & interest which I the said Susannah Wright does willingly & and acknowledge the same & affix my seal this 4" day August 1855

Susannah Wright

Franklin County to wit:

I William Hopkins a justice of and for the County aforesaid do certify that Susannah Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing Deed bearing date 4" August 1855 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 4" August 1855

William Hopkins J P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin Colunty Court the 6th day of August 1855. This Deed of Gift from Susannah Wright to Robert P. Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the Certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.L."

On September 5, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/90 Susannah Wright gifted to Robert P. Wright her lands and other property:

"Articles of agreement made & entered into this 5" day of September 1855 Between Susannah Wright of the one part & Robert P. Wright of the other part & both of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia Witnesseth that for the love and Effectiond the said Susannah Wright has for my son Robt. P. Wright does now give and bequeath all my right title & interest in all the Lands North of the branch or Linvill called Hopkins Branch from the fork of Linvill up to a walk log thence leaving sd branch giveing a small piece of cleared land to the sd Robt. P. Wright. also I the sd Susanna Wright also hereby gives to the sd. Ro. P. Wright my Right title and interest in a certain Negro man Josiah which was bequeathed to me for life by my husband Thos. Wright by will by will als I the said Susannah

Wright gives the sd Ro. P. Wright the use of my Stables & Spring so as not to deprive me of the use of same, in testamony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my seal the Day & date above Ritten.

Susannah Wright

I William Hopkins justice in and for the County aforesaid do Certify that Susannah Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 5" September 1855 personally came before me and acknowledged the same to be her act and eed. Given under my hand this 5" September 1855

William Hopkins J.P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 3d Day of October 1855. This Deed of Gift from Susannah Wright to Robert P. Wright was exhibited into the said Office and together with the Certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A Scott C.F.C."

The 1856 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	life	215	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville	15 NE	4.00		860.00	3.44

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	35 off to Robert P. Wright (corrected 1 off to Robert P. Wright)

On August 26, 1856, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/608, Cynthia A. Flaherty and her husband William Flaherty of Muscatine County, Iowa, executed a

power of attorney in favor of Joel M. Wright to act for them in connection with the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright:

"Know all men by these presents, that we the undersigned Cynthia A. Flaherty, and William Flaherty, her husband, heirs of the late Thomas Wright, deceased, late of the County of Franklin and state of Virginia, and of the late Solomon Wright, late of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have made, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute, and appoint, Joel M. Wright, of the County of Roanoke and State aforesaid, our true and lawful attorney for us, and in our name, place, and stead, to demand and receive from any and all persons from whom the same may be due, or who may have possession of the same, any and all monies which may be due, or which may hereinafter become due to us, as heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright or either of them, to take such legal measures as may be necessary for the collection of the same, to sign, execute, and deliver in our name good and valid receipts and acquitances for all such moneys, to receive and also to perform any and all other acts in the premises which or might lawfully do if personally present. And we further empower our said attorney, to remit and pay over all monys so received on our account to James A. Wright of the City and County of St. Louis and State of Missouri, hereby satisfying all acts which our said attorney may perform by authority of these presents. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the Town of Muscatine and state of Iowa, this 26th day of August 1856.

Witness
J. Scott Richman

Wm M Flaherty
Cynthia A. Flaherty

State of Iowa)
County of Muscatine)

Before me the undersigned Notary Public within and for the said County this 26th day of August 1856 personally appeared Cynthia A. Flaherty and William M. Flaherty her husband, who are to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument ____, the said Cynthia being examined privily and apart from her husband, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purpose therein specified.

In witness whereof, I the said Notary Public have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Muscatine in the County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

D. C. Richman
Notary Public for the County of Muscatine and state of Iowa

In the clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke on the 18th day of November 1856 this Power of Attorney from Wm M Flaherty & wife to Joel M Wright was delivered to me and with the certificate thereon written admitted to Record

Teste
F. Johnston C"

On August 16, 1856, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. E/609 James A. Wright, Letitia Girard, Virginia P. Knapp and her husband John Knapp, Julia A. Mount and her husband William Mount, Mary Jane Dunn and her husband John Dunn, and Eliza M. Briggs, all of St. Louis County, Missouri, appointed Joel M. Wright to act for them in connection with the estate of 1849 Thomas Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned, James A. Wright, Letitia Girard, Virginia P. Knapp and John Knapp, her husband, John A. Mount and William Mount her husband, Mary J. Dunn and John Dunn her husband, and Eliza Briggs, all of the County of St. Louis and state of Missouri, heirs of the late Thomas Wright, late of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia, and of the late Solomon Wright late of the County of Roanoke and state of Virginia, have made, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute, and appoint Joel M. Wright of the County of Roanoke, aforesaid, our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names, places, and stead, to receive from any and all persons from whom the same may be due, or who may have charge or possession of the same, any and all moneys which may be due, or which shall hereinafter become due, to us as heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Wright and Solomon Wright or either of them to take such legal measures as may be necessary for the collection of the same, and also to sign, execute and deliver in our names good and valid receipts and acquitances for all such monys so received and also to perform all such legal acts as may be necessary in those premises, and which we ourselves might do if personally present. And we further empower our said attorney to remit and pay over all moneys so received to James A. Wright of the City and County of St. Louis and state of Missouri hereby ratifying and confirming all acts which our said Attorney shall perform by authority of these presents. In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals.

Witness
James B. Goff

James A. Wright
Latitia Girard
Julia A. Mount
William Mount
Virginia P. Knapp
John Knapp
Mary Jane Dunn

John Dunn
Eliza M. Briggs

City & County of St. Louis)
State of Missouri)

I James B. Goff, a commissioner within and for the State of Missouri, duly commissioned and authorized by the Governor of the State of Virginia to take the acknowledgement of Deed or other instrument of writing, to be ____ or recorded in said State of Virginia, hereby certify that on the 16 day of August 1856 James A Wright, Latitia Girard, Julia A Mount, William Mount John Knapp, and Virginia P. Knapp, who are to me severally known to be the same persons whose signatures are affixed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, for the purposes therein specified - the said Julia & Virginia having been first examined apart from their husbands. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of office in the City of St Louis aforesaid the day & year above written

James B. Goff
Commissioner for Virginia

State of Missouri)
City & County of St. Louis)

I, James B Goff, a Commissioner within and for the State of Missouri, duly commissioned & authorized by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to take acknowledgements of deeds and other instruments of writing to be ____ and recorded in said State of Virginia hereby certify that on the 27' day of August 1856 Eliza M Briggs and Mary Jane Dunn - and on the 28' day of August 1856 John Dunn who are severally known to me to be the same persons whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specified, Mary Jane Dunn having been examined apart from her husband

Witness my hand and affixed seal this 28' day of August 1856

James B Goff
Comr for Virginia

In the clerk's office of the County Court of Roanoke the 18' day of November 1856 this power of attorney from James A Wright and others to Joel M Wright was delivered to me and with the certificate thereon written admitted to record

Teste
F. Johnston C"

The 1857 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	fee	214	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville Creek	22 NE	6.00	150	1284.00	3.44

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1858 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright	Franklin	fee	214	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Linville Creek	22 NE	6.00	150	1284.00	5.14

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The death record of Susannah Wright was dated on July 3, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	6
Name of Deceased:	Sussannah Wright
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Age:	78
Date of Death:	July 3, 1858
Place:	Franklin
Cause of Death:	Lungs Affected
Name of Parents:	Robert and Sarah Pasley
Birthplace of Deceased:	Franklin
Occupation:	Farmer
Consort of:	Not Stated
Name of Informant:	Jesse Dillon
Relation of Informant:	Friend
Commissioner of the Revenue:	Not Stated
Date Record Filed:	Between 1858 and 1896"

The will of Susannah (Pasley) Wright was dated on August 10, 1855, probated on August 2, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 10/425, and provided as follows:

> "In the name of God Amen. I Susannah Wright of Franklin County and State of Virginia, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following To Wit: 1st my Will and desir is that all my just debts be paid, if any ther be. 2" I give unto my Son Robert P. Wright all my household and kitchen furniture of every description left me by ____ late husband Thomas Wright Decd and all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, also all my grain and provisions of every kind, 3" my will and desire is that all my Slaves To Wit, one Negro Woman Charlotte and her children, George Oliver, Sarah Hannah, Louiser Jane, Elizabeth Florentine, Lucy Eldredge, Mary Vilett, Josiah King, & Byer Beach, together with ther increse if any there be shall have ther freedom to take affect at my death, and if ther should not be money enough belonging to my Estate, to remove my said Slaves above named to a free State, I direct that my Executors hear after named shall higher out my said Slaves at their discretion untill a sufficient amount of money is raised to bear ther expenses to a Free State and there bay one years provision for said Slaves to surport on and it is also my wish and desier that my Executors shall remove my said Slaves to what State they may think best for said Slaves, believing them to be two good and two greate to do any thing rong concerning said Slaves.

4" And I also constitute and appoint Samuel Turner and Jesse Dillian to execute this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others, that has been made.

As witness whereof I have hearunto set my hand and affixed my seal, to this my last Will and Testament, this the 10th day of August 1855.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presents of us.
S. Pasley)
B. P. Robertson)
John Pasley)
Henry M. Gilbert)
Robert D. Pasley)

Susanna Wright

At a Court held for Franklin Count at the Court house on the 2nd day of August 1858

This Last Will and Testament of Susannah Wright Decd was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of Solomon Pasley and John Pasley, two of the subscribing witnesses hereto and admitted to record. And on the motion of Samuel S. Turner and Jesse Dillian the Executors named in said Will who made Oath and gave bond and security according to Law, certificate is granted them to obtain a probat of said Will in due form.

Teste
Rone A. Scott CFC"

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Susannah (Pasley) Wright was dated on August 27, 1858, and was filed on October 15, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 10/505 showing a total value of $6,013.40, including slaves Charlotte, George Oliver, Sarah Hannah, Louise Jane, Elizabeth F., Lucy Eldridge, Mary V., Josiah King, and Abiah B., valued at $5,950:

"We the undersigned in obedience to an order of the County Court of Franklin, do proceed this 27th of August 1858, to appraise the property of Susannah Wright Decd. To Wit

1 Bureau	$5.00
1 Looking Glass	1.50
1 Table	1.50
1 Flax Wheel	2.50
1 Cupboard	2.00
1 Dish & 6 plates	.75

1 Bole 1 Set Tea & Saucers	.25
2 pitchers & 1 Salt Ston	.50
1 Butter plate 1 peper box	-
1 Vinegar Cruet & Voiles	.25
1 Bread Wayter & bucket	.25
1 Chest	2.00
2 Yarn Coverlids	3.00
2 Bed Quilts	1.00
1 White Counterpin	1.25
1 Bureau Toilet	.25
2 Split bottom Chairs	.25
2 Windsor Chairs	1.00
2 Bedsteads	6.00
2 Feather beds & 4 planes	8.00
1 Tin Baker	1.00
1 Water Bucket & 1 old Clock	.25
1 Hackle & 1 box	1.50
1 Loom & Fixtures	3.00
1 Big Wheel	$1.50
1 Side Saddle	3.00
	47.50
	5926.75
Carried over	$5974.25
1 Woman Charlotte	450.00
1 Man George Oliver	750.00
1 Woman Sarah Hannah	1000.00
1 Do Louise Jane	800.00
1 Girl Elizabeth F.	850.00
1 Do Lucy Eldridge	800.00
1 Do Mary B.	600.00
1 Boy Josiah King	400.00
1 Girl Abiah B.	300.00
13 Books	1.00
1 Bond on James Wright	79.91
1 Bond on H. Crop & F. Simmons	90.00
1 Bond on G. W. Hopkins	25.00
Subject to Credit $1512	-
1 Bond on Jesse Dillion & James Webster for	55.00
Subject to Cr of $7.00	
1 Bond on James Webster & Jesse Dillion for	100.00
1 Bond on Joel Simmons & J. A. Edwards for	7.00
1 Bond on Paschal Meador & Oty Meador for	14.00
1 Bond on T. P. Hopkins & H. G. Hopkins	11.06
On bond on James Hanson & Henry G. Hopkins for	15.90

	$5948.87
Crs off bonds	22.12
	$5926.75
Amount forward	$5974.25
1 Surringe	.50
1 Pot	.50
1 Measuring Tub	.50
2 Spotted Hogs	9.00
1 Milch Cow & Calf	11.00
	$5995.75
One bond on H. G. Hopkins & T. P. Hopkins	17.65
Sum Total	$6013.40

Henry Jimison
Lewis H. Turnbull
Jacob Bowman
John Bowman

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 15" day of October 1858.

This appraisement of the Estate of Susannah Wright Decd was exhibited into the said Office and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott cfc"

After the death of Susannah (Pasley) Wright her son Robert P. Wright initiated a contest of her will:

"Robert P. Wright Plaintiff
against
Samuel Turner & Jesse Dillin Executors of Susannah Wright Decd and the following persons who are slaves claiming their freedom under a pretended will of Susannah Wright Decd Charlotte, George, Oliver Sarah Hannah Luiser Jane, Elizabeth Florentine Lucy Eldridge Mary Violet Josiah King and Byer Beach. Defendant

The Court doth appoint Henry E. Carper guardian ad litem of the infants defendants Sarah, Hannah, Louisa Jane, Elizabeth Florentine, Lucy Eldridge, Mary Violet Josiah King and Byer Beach who filed their answers to the plaintiffs bill This cause in which the plaintiffs bill has been regularly taken for confessed at the rules against the defendants Samuel S. Turner & Jesse Dillin Executors of Susannah Wright Decd & Charlotte & George Oliver was this day heard on the bill. The answers of the defendants Sarah, Hannah, Louiser Jane, Elizabeth

Florentine, Lucy Eldridge, Mary Violet Josiah King, and Byer Beach, by their guardian ad litem Henry E. Carper the exhibits filed and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that an issue be made up and tried on the law side of this Court in which the said Turner & Dillin Executors as aforesaid & said Charlotte George Oliver, Sarah, Hannah, Louiser Jane, Elizabeth Florentine, Lucy Eldridge, Mary Violet, Josiah King, & Byer Beach said infants by their said guardian Henry E. Carper are to be plaintiffs and said Robert P. Wright is to be defendant to try the question wheather the paper writing in the bill mentioned as the alleged last will & testament of said Susannah Wright dated on the 10th day of August 1855 & admitted to probate in the County Court of said County on the 2nd day of August 1858 as the last will and testament of said Susannah Wright, is her true last will & testament & that the verdict to be rendered on said issue be certified to this court -

Ordered that this Court be adjourned till half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning

Geo. H. Gilmer"

The 1859 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright, decd with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright, decd	Franklin	fee	214	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Lynville Creek	20 NW	6.00	750	1284.00	5.14

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Susannah Wright, decd with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Susannah Wright, decd	Franklin	Fee	214	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Lynville Creek	15 NW	6.00	150	1284.00	

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	Conveyed to Robert P. Wright

On October 20, 1863, at Franklin County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book B/441 the court appointed a new guardian for the slaves to act in place of the prior guardian who had died:

"At the Circuit Court continued and held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on the 2nd day of October 1863 Setting as a Court of Equity

Same Judge as on yesterday

Robert P. Wright Plff.)
against)
Samuel S. Turner and Jesse Dillin who)
claim to be executors of a paper)
purporting to be the last will and)
testament of Susannah Wright Decd.)
and the following persons who are)
slaves claiming their freedom under) In Chny
said will namely Charlotte, George)
Oliver, Sarah Hannah, Louisa Jane,)
Elizabeth Florentine Lucy Eldridge,)
Mary Violet, Josiah King and Byer)
Beach Defts)

On the motio of the plaintiff by his Counsel Robert A. Scott is appointed guardian ad litem for Sarah Hannah, Louisa Jane, Elizabeth Florentine, Lucy Eldridge, Mary Violet, Josiah King, and Byer Beach infant defendants in this cause, in the room, and stead of Henry E. Carper, the former guardian, who hath departed this life.

Order that Court be adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 oclock

G. D. Carrow"

In her letter dated August 19, 1987, Mrs. Doris L. Pasley enclosed a poem or ballad written for Susannah Pasley on August 6, 1813, when she was 32 by an unknown author. The poem reads as follows:

"A song Ballad For
Miss Susannah Pasley
August 6th Day 1813

O that I had some secret place
Where I might hide from sorrow
Where I might see my savious face
And thus be savd from terror
O had I wings like younders dove
I'd leave this world ____ tin
And fly away to ____ above
Where angels st ____ ing
My heart is often ____ to mourn
Because I'm feint and feeble
But when my Jesus seems to frown
My heart is full of trouble
But then again he doth return
When I Repent by folley
Then I do after glory run
And still my Jesus follow"

In her letter dated April 23, 1997, Betty Morgan Matthews enclosed family group sheets which stated that Susannah Pasley was a daughter of Robert Pasley, Sr., and Sarah "Sally" (Forbes) Pasley, was born on March 18, 1781, at Fluvanna County, Virginia, married Thomas Wright on March 10, 1821, at Franklin County, Virginia, and died on August 2, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County and Phebe (____) Wright were the following:

1) Joseph F. Wright, born on January 22, 1781,

2) Solomon Wright, born about 1784 at Virginia, probaby at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) Mary Wright, born about 1786 at Virginia, probably at Franklin County, Virginia,

4) Nancy (Wright) Franklin, born about 1787 at Virginia, probably at Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Margaret "Peggy" (Wright) Bandy, born about 1791 at Franklin County, Virginia,

6) Thomas Anthony Wright, born between 1794 and 1804 and about 1795 at Virginia,

7) Elizabeth (Wright) Payne, born about 1793 or 1800, and

8) Phebe (Wright) Wright, born about 1800 at Virginia, and

the only child of 1849 Thomas Wright of Franklin County and Susannah (Pasley) Wright was the following:

1) Robert Penn Wright, born on January 18, 1821, at Franklin County, Virginia.